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HAYNES LIBEL ACTION FAILS.

DESCRIBED AS MAKING LOT OUT OF LITTLE.

"CHINA MAIL" HEADINGS ALLEGED TO BE MALICIOUS.

"FIGHTING KAISERISM."

For the first time for many years a libel action against a local newspaper was heard at the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Wood this morning, when Mr. L. E. Haynes sued Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, managing editor of the *China Mail*, for \$1,000 damages.

The action was brought, in respect of the use of the words "Haynes Discharged" in the *China Mail* and on its poster, incidental to the recent case in which Mr. Haynes was prosecuted by the Hong-kong Law Society.

The plaintiff asserted that the words complained of were a mis-statement of fact; a deliberate and malicious act, perpetrated by the defendant for the purpose of doing harm to plaintiff, and that they conveyed the impression to the public that the plaintiff had been dismissed from his employment.

Mr. Haynes said he was not bringing the action for pecuniary gain, but was combatting what he described as "Kaiserism."

Mr. Justice Wood held there was no case to answer and dismissed the action with costs.

MR. HAYNES OUTLINES CAREER.

Mr. Haynes appeared in person authorities he liked, added that he and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., in would leave the question of law submitted by Mr. Arculli, was for the present, remarking that Mr. Burnett,

in that particular case he would Prior to opening his case, Mr. have to submit that the particular Haynes informed his Lordship that circumstances which concerned he (Mr. Haynes) was troubled himself made the action all the with a cough which he hoped his more serious.

Lordship would excuse. He explained that he had been in bed for two days and was going into hospital after the conclusion of the case.

No Ill-Feeling.

Mr. Haynes went on to say that the action was for damages for libel. It was, he believed, in such cases usual for a certain amount letters were sent to his office for ill-feeling to be introduced, but he wished to say, as far as he was concerned, that he would take every care to avoid such an atmosphere.

He was not seeking a pecuniary reward as a result of bringing the action; he had Kavanagh, from Shanghai, indicating that the business that the Company was supposed to be doing in the Yangtze was bogus. He copied the telegram and went straight and interviewed his father, who told him to resign. He did so, and his father said good-bye to his paper.

Eight months afterwards, he was in South Devonshire with his people, when he was suddenly arrested and charged with conspiracy.

Although his father very generously briefed one of the most eminent King's Counsel of the day, the Directors concerned and himself, as Secretary, were found guilty.

His Lordship:—What was the date of that?—The 30th, or the 31st of May, 1923.

Continuing, Mr. Haynes said that one of the Directors, Sir Godfrey Morgan, committed suicide, and the others were sentenced to penal servitude for various terms.

He (Mr. Haynes) was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division. He appealed, but although he was quite successful in getting the sentence antedated to the time of his original arrest, he could not get the conviction removed, which was the thing he was fighting for.

"I would ask your Lordship to bear that in mind, because it will have a very important bearing," added Mr. Haynes.

Cleared His Name.

Mr. Haynes went on to say that many a young fellow in his position, under such circumstances, would be absolutely unknown, and start again. He did not do that. He had been in China and liked China. He had determined to return and clear his name, and he did so. Within three weeks, he sailed from Birkenhead, and that Mr. Haynes could quote any

PYJAMA SCENES IN CAIRO.

UNCONVENTIONAL BUT NECESSARY.

BIG FIRE ON LUXOR TOURIST TRAIN DE LUXE.

DIVE FOR A CHANGE.

Cairo, Mar. 14. Strange scenes were enacted at the railway station to-day on the belated arrival from Luxor of a crowded train de luxe, the passengers consisting chiefly of American tourists who rushed, clad in pyjamas or borrowed clothing, to catch a special for Alexandria where they were to board a White Star liner.

The Kodak millionaire, Mr. George Eastman, would probably have objected to being "snapped" as he jumped into a vehicle and was driven to a hotel clad in a pyjama jacket and a pair of serge trousers.

The lady passengers endeavoured to conceal the sparseness of their attire beneath cloaks.

Alarming Experience.

The reason for this amusing if unconventional occurrence was that a fire had occurred on the

ATTEMPTED LIFE OF DR. C. C. WU.

Assassin Sentenced to Life Imprisonment.

Singapore, Mar. 14.

The Chinese Communist, Cheong Yok-kai, charged in connexion with the wounding of Dr. Lim Boon-keng, has been found guilty, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Dr. Lim Boon-keng was leaving the Chamber of Commerce with Dr. C. C. Wu, when an attempt was made to assassinate the Nanking Foreign Minister. Dr. Wu escaped unharmed, but Dr. Lim Boon-keng was shot in the face.—Reuter.

TO ASSIST SIMON COMMISSION.

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PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT REACHED.

London, Mar. 14. The Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies and Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, announce that a provisional arrangement has been reached for the fusion of the two Companies' interests through the medium of a proposed holding company, subject to a satisfactory agreement with the British Government, the Dominions Government and India, and also to the acceptance by the Companies' stockholders and shareholders.

It is added that no announcement of the terms of the arrangement can be made, in the meantime, as the consummation is dependent on the above-mentioned conditions.—Reuter.

PUNJAB COUNCIL FAVOURS CO-OPERATION.

Lahore, Mar. 15.

The Punjab Legislative Council has passed a resolution pledging co-operation with the Simon Commission.

The Opposition did not challenge a division after its motion to adjourn the debate had been defeated by 55 votes to 14.

Sir Faizl Hussain, on behalf of the Government, in moving the appointment of a Committee to participate in the proposed joint conference with the Simon Commissioners, said it would be elected in the May session.

The Opposition maintained that though in a minority, a new party would soon spring up which would know how to win freedom, even by the sword if necessary.

The Commission has now separated into two sections.—Reuter.

MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM.

REPORTED TO BE LEAVING CANTON TO-DAY.

Following the telegram published yesterday to the effect that Marshal Li Chai-sum has been ordered to proceed to Nanking to assume office of Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Army, a rumour is current in Hongkong to the effect he is coming down from Canton by train to-day, on route to the North.

It is stated that he is being accompanied by General Chan Ming-shu.

Their Majesties were enthroned on either side of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, while the members of the Royal Family occupied golden chairs to the left.

The Recorder of the City read an Address of Welcome to their Afghan Majesties, thanking them for the honour of their visit which illustrated the friendly relations happily subsisting between Your Majesty and our beloved sovereign."

It expressed the hope that the bonds of peace and friendship might be strengthened still further and that "increased trade and commerce between our countries" would be promoted.

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FASCIST KILLED IN PARIS.

ASSASSINATED AT FRIENDS' DOOR.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRY.

Paris, Mar. 14. While the Italian Fascist, Signor Savorelli, who is visiting Paris, was lunching with some friends in their flat, the telephone bell rang and an enquiry was made if the guest was in the premises.

An affirmative reply was given, and the unknown enquirer rang off.

Shortly afterwards, the doorbell rang, Signor Savorelli opened the door and three revolver shots rang out while the door was slammed heavily to.

Friends rushed into the corridor and found Signor Savorelli lying dead and the murderer disappeared.

The police theory is that the crime was one of political vengeance.—Reuter.

BLAZE OF COLOUR.

London, Mar. 14.

King Amanullah and Queen Souriyah of Afghanistan had a wonderful welcome from the City of London to-day, when they were the guests of the Lord Mayor and Corporation at the Guildhall.

Driving from Buckingham Palace with an escort of the Life Guards, they were cheered all the way by the Guildhall by considerable crowds.

King Amanullah saluted in acknowledgement while Queen Souriyah smiled happily.

A distinguished assemblage was gathered in the library of the Guildhall, including Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, and other members of the Government, Admiral Sir Charles Madden and Field Marshal Sir George Milne, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, the Archbishop of Canterbury and prominent representatives of all

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Despite this move, however, the attitude of the members of the Amoy Kuomintang Association and of the other Chinese organisations appears to be unchanged.

The Police dispersed the crowd and escorted the delegates to their hotels, which were closely guarded to prevent any attempt at disturbance by "Hungarian Liberals," who are bitterly opposed to the present regime in Hungary.—Reuter.

The messages, states, that the Company's repairer says he saw a plane passing in a north-westerly direction between Kellingrew and Hoyrood at 6.30 Greenwich Mean Time.

The locality is seventy miles south of St. John's. The aviator should have been reported from Newfoundland at noon to-day had he intended to land there.—Reuter.

Accompanied by Lady.

The staff of Lord Inchape's town house waited all night long for news of Lord Inchape's daughter, the Hon. Elsie Mackay, but she had not returned and nothing had been heard of her. Thus a report that she is accompanying Captain Hinchcliffe as relief pilot, which she denied last week, is apparently true.

A message from St. John's, Newfoundland, at six this morning, said the weather was fine and clear and favourable for flying. The wireless stations had heard nothing from Hinchcliffe during the night.—Reuter.

Mr. Gordon Sinclair Explains.

London, Mar. 15.

Mr. Gordon Sinclair has emerged from obscurity and has visited Mrs. Hinchcliffe.

He stated that only a couple of hours before the "Endeavour" started, the Hon. Elsie Mackay decided to accompany the aviator on the flight.

"We are now waiting anxiously, but are full of hope as Captain Hinchcliffe had frequently referred to the possibility of pushing on to Philadelphia if possible, and the petrol on board was sufficient to last from 45 to 60 hours."—Reuter.

Florida shows the largest gain.—Reuter's American Service.

Gorgeous Scene.

When the King and Queen entered the library, they were evidently impressed by the scene. The ancient hall was glowing with the colour of the robes of the City Fathers and brilliant military uniforms.

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THE NICARAGUAN ELECTION.

AMERICAN SUPERVISION REJECTED.

Managua, Mar. 14.

The House of Representatives, by 22 votes to 18, rejected the McCoy Bill, proposing to authorise United States' supervision of the Nicaraguan Presidential election in October.—Reuter's American Service.

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ARMED ROBBERIES.

**TWO DARING RAIDS
YESTERDAY.**

A daylight robbery was perpetrated by three men at No. 205, Queen's Road West, third floor, yesterday afternoon. The trio succeeded in gaining entrance under the pretext that they wanted to rent a cubicle.

The report to the police says that about 3.30, a man called at the house, declaring that he intended to rent a room. The ground, first and second floors of the house are unoccupied by any tenants. After looking over the house, the man went away, saying that he would come back with the deposit money.

After a while he returned, but this time with two companions, and the man who opened the door admitted all three.

Once inside the robbers drew arms, one having a dagger and one a revolver, and threatened the inmates—the mistress and the maid—with death if they raised an alarm. The three desperados pushed the two women and a baby of a few months old into a room, before ransacking the house.

The robbers stayed in the house for about fifteen minutes, and made good their escape with property valued at about \$160 comprising some \$100 in banknotes and the rest in jewellery, including a gold wrist-watch.

The two women, who were gagged with towels and string, were later released, after the robbers had gone, by two other women who came up to the house to rent the room and found that the door was wide open.

The men left a dagger behind them. Up to a late hour yesterday, no arrest had been effected.

Another Affair.

According to the police, a second armed robbery occurred last night, when four men, one armed with a revolver and one with a knife, succeeded in gaining their entrance into the servants' quarters of No. 100, The Peak, about 7.15.

There were two women in that part of the house, an elderly Chinese woman of 57, and her daughter. One of the robbers picked up a chopper in the kitchen and threatened the women if they gave the alarm.

Two rings and two pairs of gold earrings were taken away from the victims by the men, who got clear away with booty estimated to amount to about \$30.

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The report of the directors of the Imperial Tobacco Company (of Great Britain and Ireland), Ltd., to be presented at the annual meeting shows a net trading profit for the year ended October 31st of £29,223,718 7s. 10d. Deducting provision for pension of £250,000 and a sum of £500,000 transferred to general reserve account, there is a balance of £8,477,796 11s. 10d., which, with £821,378 2s. 7d. brought forward, makes the trading profit available for distribution £9,299,174 14s. 5d.

BRIBE OR BAIL?

**SEQUEL TO OPIUM RAID
ON JUNK.**

Arising from an opium raid on a junk in harbour on the 28th of last month, a police coxswain was charged on remand, before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistrate yesterday afternoon, with demanding a bribe of \$200 from the boatwoman. Pleading not guilty, he was defended by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

Police Sergeant A. G. deposed that on the day in question his room-boy handed him a cht by which witness was given to understand that the senior, who was the defendant, knew the whereabouts of a cache of opium, and requested an appointment at the Railways Station at Kowloon.

At the hour arranged, witness met defendant and they were later joined by three other Chinese. The party then proceeded to a wharf at Connaught Road West, from which point they boarded a sampan to get alongside a junk.

A thorough search was made of the junk and in a compartment aft, they discovered a man lying alongside an opium lamp and pipe. Near him they also found a glass jar in which was a small quantity of opium.

Boatwoman's Offer.

Whatever the exact quantity might be, witness did not think it sufficient to warrant a charge. But one of the women on board came forward at the close of a conversation which witness could not follow, and speaking in Chinese, gave him to understand that she was willing to pay two hundred dollars. Witness did not accept it, and telling the men to come away, got back to the sampan. While doing so, he hurt himself by running against a spar protruding from the sail of the sampan.

On disembarking, witness proceeded to a restaurant, whether one of the Chinese followed him, and between them they had a couple of drinks for which witness paid. Later he returned to the Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station.

Except that the defendant came forward to say he was a Police Coxswain and that his number was 88, he had never to the best of his knowledge, seen the defendant or any of the other men in the party. Even now, he was not positive that it was the defendant who approached him at the Railway Station.

A Misunderstanding.

Mr. d'Almada Remedios, cross-examining, suggested that it was witness' inadequate knowledge of Chinese which led him to conceive the idea of a bribe or that the defendant had interested himself in the matter in that fashion. Mr. d'Almada suggested that it was bail money that was being offered.

Mr. Kent, with regard to this point of misunderstanding, said that the usual procedure was to take away the bont's license, leaving it to the owner to call at the Police Station for it in the morning. That procedure was not practised in the present instance because the Sergeant did not think there was a case.

Mr. Remedios remarked that it was the very point which he was arguing. The woman had thought that she was under arrest and was offering to go ashore to get the money.

Witness, in reply to further questions, denied that defendant was acting as interpreter in enquiries made on the junk.

The case was adjourned.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

**BRITISH FIGURES SHOW
IMPROVEMENT.**

London, Mar. 14.—The latest weekly return shows that the number of persons unemployed is 1,094,500.

This is more than 14,000 less than the previous week, and about 40,000 less than in the corresponding period of last year.—British Wireless.

A big improvement in the standard of present-day houses for the working classes, an expenditure on housing of £21,000,000 since the war, and an output of houses during the present financial year equal to that of 20 pre-war years, are recorded in an official report on L.C.C. Housing. In the financial year ending March 31 next not far short of 10,000 houses and flats will, it is anticipated, have been erected by the agency of the Council alone.

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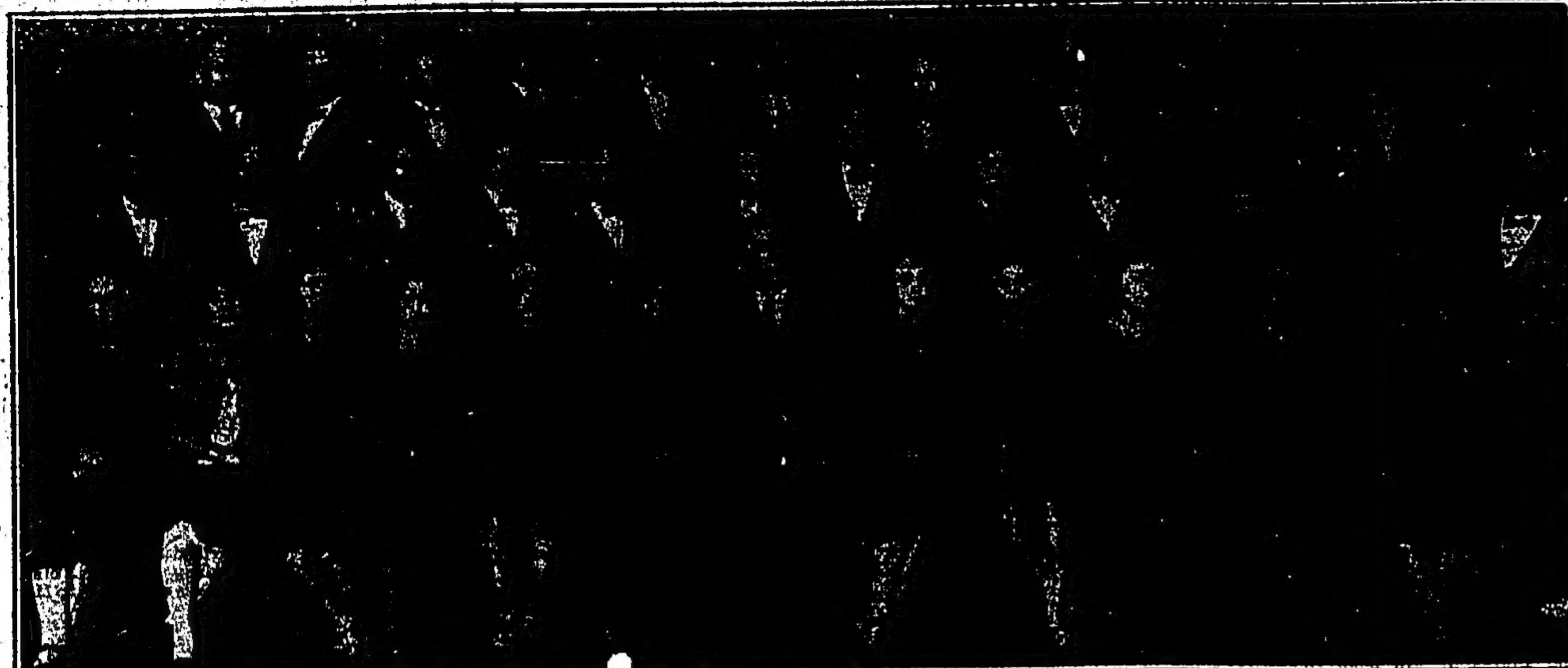
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Members of the Capella Choral Society, under the leadership of Maestro P. Mashin, who sang at the Shanghai Town Hall recently, in collaboration with the Municipal Orchestra.



Here comes Clarence Chamberlin down the road in his midget airplane—a perfect take-off from an ordinary suburban highway such as lots of other folks will be making a few years from now. Chamberlin was leaving New York for a lecture tour of Pennsylvania.



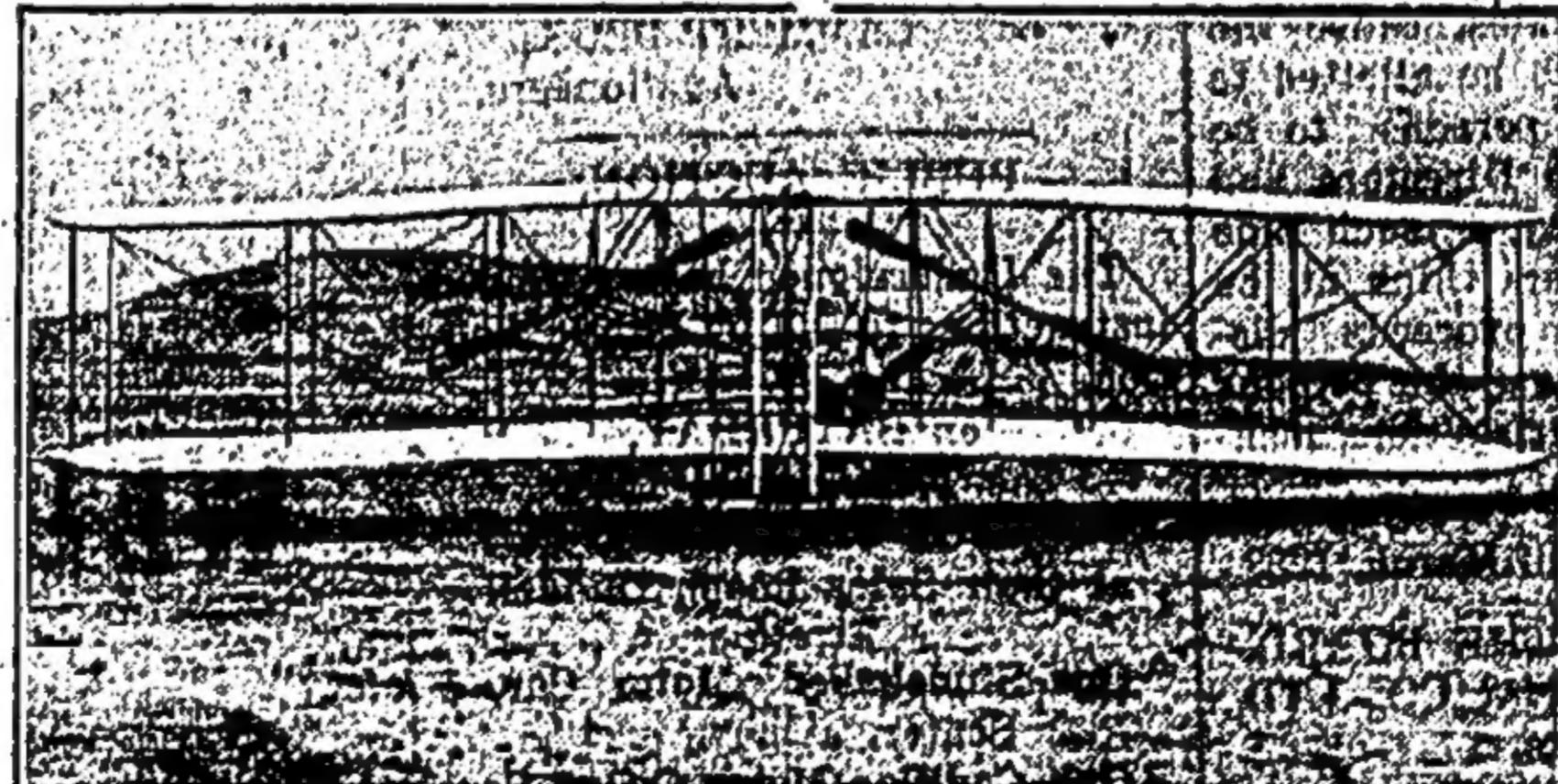
A party of Shanghai race-goers caught by the ubiquitous photographer in the enclosure at the Paper Hunt Races.



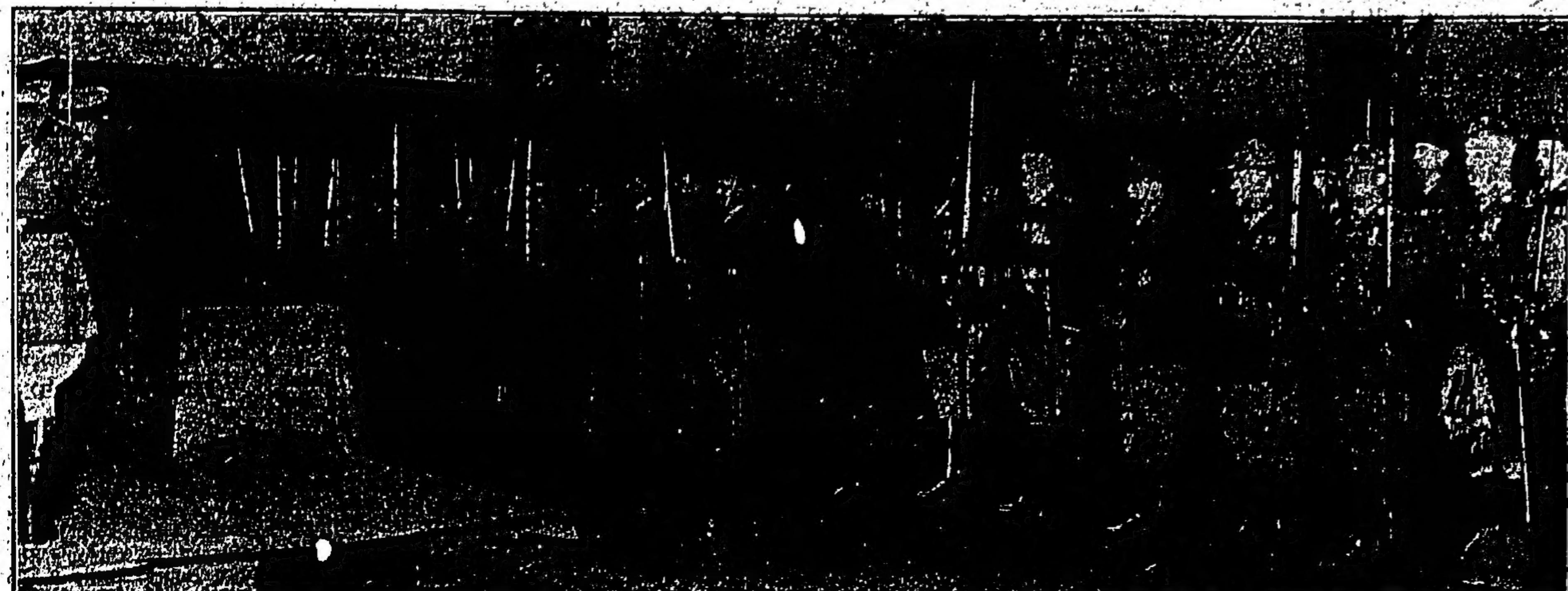
The mutiny of the crew on the pirate ship, in the second act of "Captain Applejack," which was successfully produced by the American Players in Shanghai. Mr. Gardner Crane, as Captain Applejack, is seen on the right, and Mrs. D. Kydd, as the captured princess, is crouching on the floor.



Mrs N. Hickling, riding side-saddle and Miss Germaine Lemiers, astride, snapped at the lass jump at a Shanghai mixed paper hunt. Mrs. Hickling was the winner.



The Wright Biplane, the first aeroplane to fly under its own power, which is to be housed in the Science Museum, South Kensington. It was designed by Mr. Orville Wright and his brother, the late Mr. Wilbur Wright. (Times copyright)



Over 800 members of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps paraded in the S. V. C. Drill Hall to present a valuable gift to Colonel W. P. L. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O., upon his relinquishing command of the Force. The presentation, which consisted of a magnificent oak casket of silver plate and an illuminated address, was made by Major R. H. McMichael. The above picture shows Col. Gordon addressing the Corps after receiving the gifts which are on the table in front of him. The two ranks in the foreground consist of a portion of the officers commanding the various units.



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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

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THE SIMPLEX PLASTER CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office, 2nd floor, Powell's Building, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong, on Thursday, 22nd March, 1928, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th March to 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

General Managers. Hongkong, 16th March, 1928.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at St. George's Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by adding to the end of Article 19 the following words:

"Or as from the second day of April, 1928, at such other rate of interest as the Directors may from time to time determine."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the same time and place on MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

(2) That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorized, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday 12th March, 1928, until Thursday the 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

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EASTER MEETING.

Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the EASTER MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 31st March, may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce-Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

ENTRIES close before NOON WEDNESDAY, 28th March, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th March to 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

General Managers. Hongkong, 16th March, 1928.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for account of the concerned,

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the 16th March, 1928 commencing at 11 a.m. at Godown No. 51, Lower, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods.

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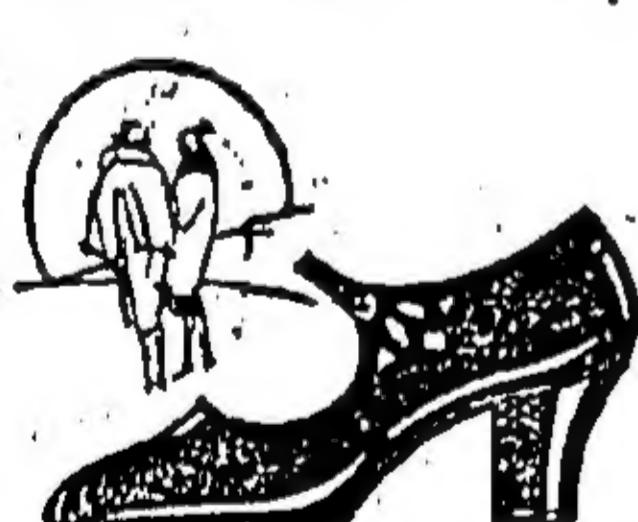
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A hundred houses in the neighbourhood of the factory were totally destroyed.

So far, 20 bodies have been found and 50 injured people, but many are still entombed in the ruins.

Officials in the neighbouring towns sent assistance.

Tomato juice has been found equal to orange juice in preventing scurvy among children.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Fortune-Telling.

HAS BECOME VERY POPULAR.

Why do people have their fortunes told? Do they seriously believe what is said to them by the "spac-wife," or do they, as they generally maintain, merely patronise her for fun?

Fortune-telling, it seems, is becoming more and more popular as a sort of semi-serious pastime among women, and great is the demand on the services of the amateur who has mastered the art of telling fortunes by cards, tea-leaves, or any of the other accredited means.

The eagerness of women to indulge in this form of amusement is, of course, often held up against them as a sign of utter want of common-sense, yet Eve continues to go on her way to the most renowned fortune-teller of the moment quite unconcerned.

To tell the truth, very little harm seems to have been done by the little adventure, in most cases,

Victorian Ornaments.

THE VOGUE OF THE CHINA FIGURE.

From the massed formation of the Victorian ornaments at least one worthy thing has emerged to be recreated in modern manner, and that is the "china" figure. Whereas once it was submerged in a heterogeneous collection of knick-knacks, now its solitary place of honour accords full display to its characteristics and colour, so that it strikes the key-note of a room.

A favourite manner of displaying these figures, and one that strikes quite a new note in lighting and decoration, is to have them mounted on a stand together with a short electric light standard. The shade makes a gay canopy of colour, and is, of course, in keeping with the spirit of the figures. Thus, a satin-coated gallant is bending the knee to a little lady in hoop-skirts and ringlets. Above their heads is a soft curved

Waving the Hair.

ADD A LITTLE PERFUME.

There are few women to whom wavy hair is unbecoming; the majority it changes from mediocrity to winsome charm. And Mother Nature hands out natural waves only to the favoured few, so art steps in and coaxes the kinks and curly.

This is a splendid curling lotion either for application before fixing pins, or as a setting lotion for the water waving.

Put 1 oz. of gum acacia into a bottle, and add 4 ozs. of carbonate of soda, 1 oz. of bay rum, and warm rain water to 6 ozs.

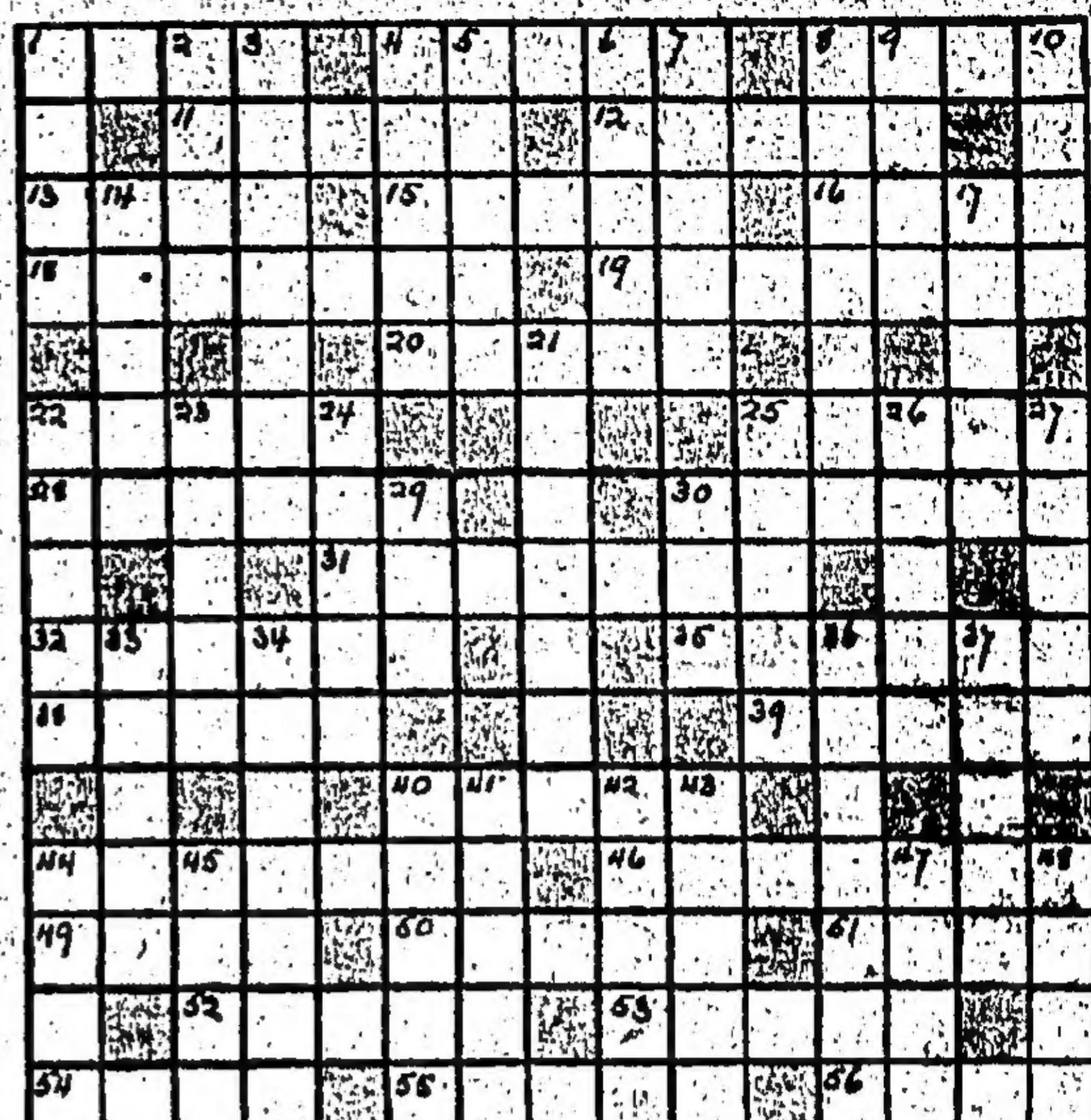
Add a little perfume to give it fragrance. Damp the hair before fixing the pins, always remembering to wind the hair on to the pins straight; the curl is then much deeper.

For water-waving, damp the hair with the lotion then fix the combs in the most becoming manner. Pull the hair well up between the combs, and do not remove them until the hair is bone dry. Then

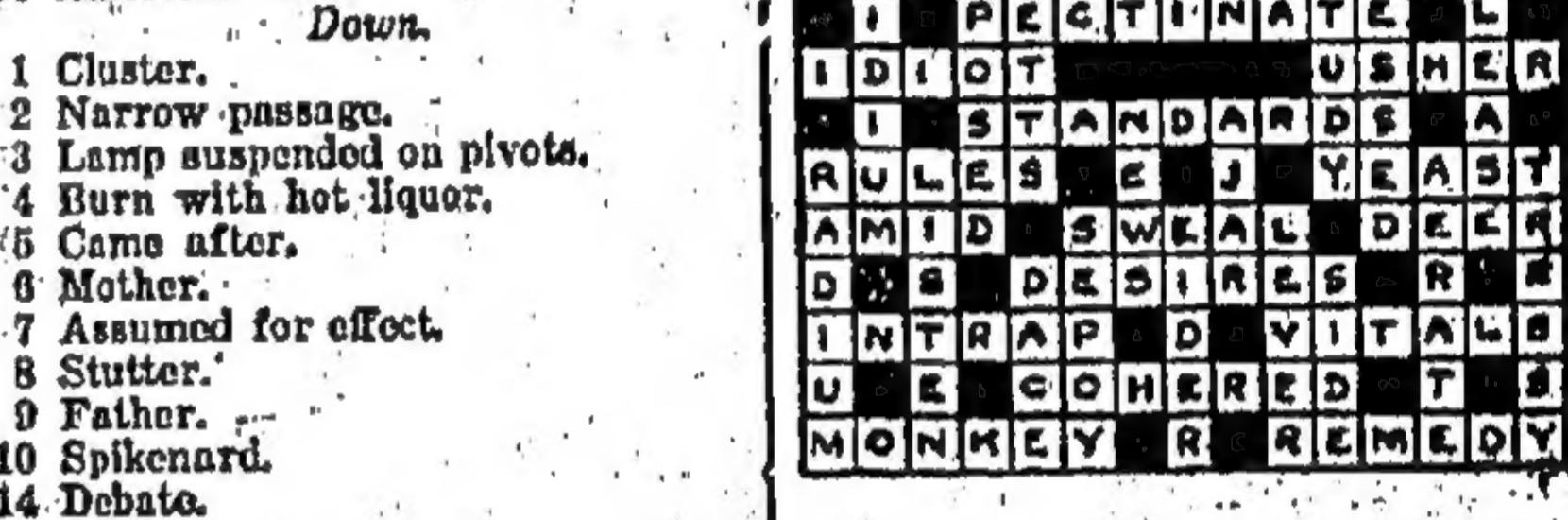


Typical of Parisian spring hats is this turban of beige grosgrain, "literally wound and smothered" in rows of brown and cream chenille; the frock is of the "pinkish beige" so popular in the French capital, having a simple pleated skirt and blouse embellished by four triangular inserts of cream lace.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



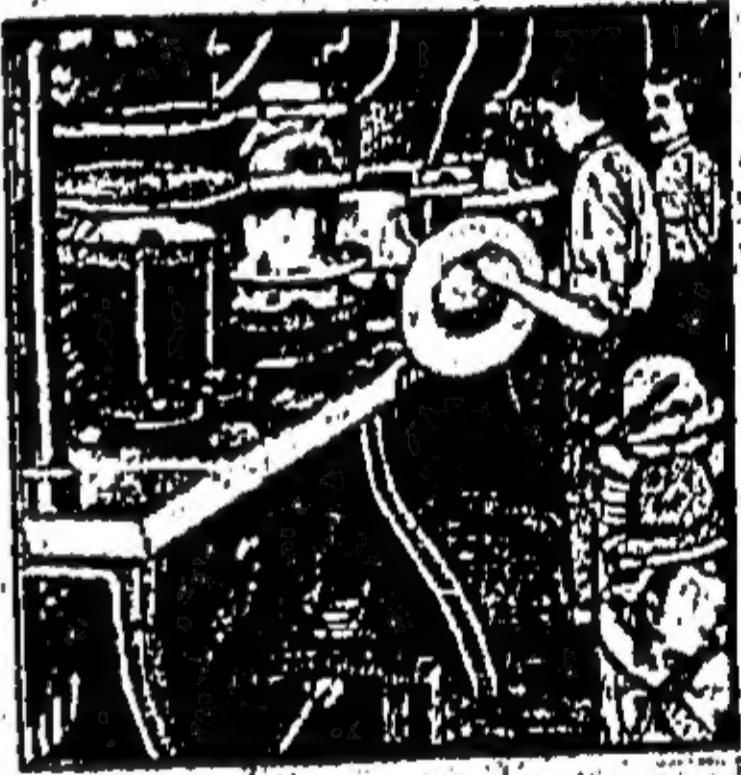
- 1 Image.
- 2 Graceful.
- 4 Sudden fall in value.
- 5 Weaved.
- 11 Genus of palms.
- 12 The great artery.
- 13 Temple, (poet).
- 15 Minute Particles.
- 16 Imitator.
- 18 Supporting frame.
- 19 Fabulous marine-creature.
- 20 Fear.
- 22 Small cup-like vessel.
- 25 Depository.
- 28 Warmed.
- 29 Calm.
- 31 Mixed.
- 32 King of the fairies.
- 36 Show.
- 38 Saloon.
- 39 Lubber.
- 40 Compound of fatty acids.
- 41 Place.
- 42 Worthy of being named.
- 43 First man.
- 50 Something admitted.
- 51 Desire.
- 52 Dogma.
- 53 Prey.
- 54 Fare.
- 55 Festivity.
- 56 American coin.



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NEXT WEEK'S BIG FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

Acclaimed by the newspapers of London, Paris and New York as one of the most remarkable pictures ever screened, "7th Heaven" is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday for a run of seven days, according to a special advertisement in this issue. The central figures in the story are a worker in the sewers of Paris and a waif of the streets. These roles are filled by Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell who are said to have given the finest screen portrayals of the year. All of the foggy romantic atmosphere of the Paris Montmartre, where the story

is laid, has been retained through expert lighting and photography in the picture—and all of the intimate and beautiful thoughts which made the stage play so great have been kept through direction and acting. Frank Borzage, who directed the production, has achieved a masterpiece. "7th Heaven" is a picture that cannot be too highly praised, according to the opinion of London, Paris and New York critics.

Altogether "7th Heaven" marks a new achievement in cinema production, and as such, is one of those pictures, like "Ben-Hur," which everybody must see. Owing to its exceptional length only three performances can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

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MARRIAGE.

KEW—HO.—On March the 14th, at the Union Church, by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie, Albert Edward Kew, third son of Mr. Charles Herbert Whiteley Kew, to Nancy Joyce, daughter of Mrs. Ho Fook and the late Mr. Ho Fook.

BIRTH.

HARRIS.—On March 13th, at "Beauleau" Kingsway, Hove, to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Harris, a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1928.

A BIG MISTAKE.

One of the most interesting items of news to come over the cables yesterday was the report, from Chinese sources, that the Nationalist Government has ordered Marshal Li Chai-sum to proceed to Nanking to assume the office of Chief of Staff, to which he has been re-appointed. This is the post which Marshal Li formerly held, but since his return to the South it has been filled by General Ho Ying-ching, who is, apparently, again to be made subsidiary to Li Chai-sum. Yesterday's message added, on the word of a prominent Nanking leader, that Marshal Li would shortly be leaving for the Nationalist capital, together with General Chan Ming-shiu, so it would seem that all arrangements have been made for the transfer.

Opinion here in the South will, we are sure, be definitely one of regret if it so happens that Marshal Li does leave Canton. Since his recent return, Li Chai-sum has created an altogether admirable impression by the manner in which he has been dealing with the many problems facing the Canton Administration. In talk with Chinese of all shades of opinion, we have found a consensus of view that he is proving himself the "strong man" so long needed in the South. We have only to cast our minds over the nature of the Canton news during the past few weeks to realise that Marshal Li has the correct impression of what is required here in the South. He has been dealing with Canton's many problems in a manner which has won him increasing confidence. He has succeeded in stopping the rot in the depreciation of Canton's banknotes, he is now engaged on the reorganisation of the Mint, and he is busy devising means whereby trade and commerce

may be relieved from the intolerable burdens of the past. His strong action in the direction of controlling the Labour Unions, both in Canton and in adjacent districts, has deeply impressed the people. In the realm of provincial matters, Marshal Li has organised big schemes for the suppression of pirates and bandits, some of which are already taking effect, to say nothing of the campaign initiated against the Lukfung "Reds." He has also promised commerce relief from excessive taxation. These are only a few of the matters to which Marshal Li has been and is still giving attention. It will therefore readily be understood that if he is now called away on military affairs, there must be a distinct break in the work of reconstruction to which he and his colleagues are putting their hands, and which so urgently calls for concentrated effort. More than that, his departure would, we fear sure, cause considerable uneasiness to develop amongst the people of Canton.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, in the course of an interview in Shanghai last week, asserted that on the question of the military expedition against the North there were no differences of opinion within the ranks of the Kuomintang. He added that both Canton and Hankow would support the campaign. It is

doubtless in accordance with this idea of preserving Kuomintang unity that the Nanking Government has now ordered Marshal Li Chai-sum to the North. All the same, we cannot but regret the development. We all know what transpired since before when Marshal Li left Canton, and we do not hesitate to say that, in the present circumstances, his departure would not only be bad for South China, but would also weaken, rather than strengthen, Kuomintang moderate influence. There is, moreover, no call for Canton to participate actively in the Northern expedition. The Southern armies have had quite

enough of warfare to last them for a long time, and they could not now be better employed than in preserving stability here in the South. Even within the past few months, Chinese and foreigners alike have seen the practical results of sound rule in Kwangtung. But there is still much to be done. That being the case, the leaders of the Kuomintang in South China would do well to represent to the Nanking Government that it would be a first-class error were Marshal Li to be called from the scenes of his labours at this critical juncture.

The Hunan Massacres.

When a German engineer and his wife reach the sanctuary of a foreign settlement on the verge of a nervous breakdown as the direct result of horrifying experiences in the hands of Chinese desperadoes, the seriousness of the situation in South China and the extreme north of Kwangtung must

assume a different aspect in the eyes of the European population of China. It is regrettable that unrestrained Chinese hordes are always so prone to terrible excesses that, beyond a passing word of criticism, scanty attention is paid, as a general rule, to such

murmurings as are coming through daily, from the Leiyang district of the ghastly orgy of slaughter and destruction carried out by so-called Communists. The telegram which we published yesterday from Hankow telling of the brutality to which two foreigners, one a lady, were subjected, and the evidence that they too would have been murdered but for knowledge of medical matters, brings the situation home to us more effectively than anything else could have done, though at the moment we cannot see what redress is securable for the outrage. Marshal Pei Chung-hsi was supposed to have been engaged in ending the reign of terror, and it is deplorable to note that his efforts have been relaxed. It is the only inference which can be drawn. He "captured" Leiyang, but it seems fairly clear that his efforts began and ended with entering the city of blackened ruins, and permitting the bands to pass on to continue their dreadful campaign elsewhere. That such a situation can exist in the heart of China, that a rabble can in organised disorganisation be permitted unchallenged to wreak such havoc, butcher thousands of innocent persons, within forty

miles of a powerful military leader, is the most conclusive illustration of China's unpreparedness for treaty revision. If Pei Chung-hsi was sincere in his task of ending the terrorism once and for all, we might look upon the matter sympathetically. If Chinese leaders are not in a position to, or are not prepared to, protect their own nationals from such horrible excesses, what possible guarantee can there be for the safety of foreigners in the hinterland?

The murderous hordes loose in Hunan have been termed Communists, but we are not even prepared to accept this definition at its face value. There may be to some extent a question of an aftermath of Bolshevik propaganda and Moscow's malignant influence, but China's haphazard militarism must be held largely to blame. We doubt at the moment if the bitter lesson will be learned. The remnants of broken armies, Tang Seng-chi's from the North and the "Ironmen" from the South, form the majority of the desperadoes; and serious mischief by Soviet agents has little to do with the terrible massacres which have taken place. It is the first duty of Nationalist China thoroughly to satisfy foreign observers that an end will be put to such a ghastly state of affairs, and in such a way that a recurrence is impossible.

DAY BY DAY.

LEISURE FOR MEN OF BUSINESS,
AND BUSINESS FOR MEN OF LEISURE,
WOULD CURE MANY COMPLAINTS.—
Mrs. Thrale.

Yesterday's health return shows two Chinese cases of small-pox.

The Chartered Bank has opened a branch at Harbin, North Manchuria.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

The B. I. s.s. Talmia is to leave Amoy on Saturday, and is due here on the following day.

The B. I. s.s. Santhia, which left Singapore on Tuesday, is due here on the 19th instant.

A Singapore paper states that Sir Henry Gompertz is proceeding on leave by the P. and O. liner Mantua on April 6th.

Mr. D. Buchanan, son of Mr. Buchanan, Chief Engineer of s.s. Sui Tai, has now been appointed to a vessel of the China Navigation Company.

The attache case lost by Mr. Lee, wireless operator of the s.s. Lungshan, has been recovered through the agency of the police, with the contents intact.

The stall holder of No. 17 fruit stall in the Central Market reports to the police that fok of his, named Chow Hing-loong, collected \$423.36 from various shops, on his behalf, and absconded.

Holders of tickets for the orthophonic gramophone, being raffled by the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods, are informed that the drawing will take place on Saturday morning, the 31st of March.

Amongst the passengers who arrived since the Empress of Asia to-day were Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Grayburn, Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. D. Timmins and Mr. N. M. Currie.

Bad weather, with heavy gales and high seas, are reported by all vessels arriving from the south. To the North, conditions are somewhat better, but generally stormy weather has been experienced.

The s.s. Apoey returned from sea this morning, after clearing for Swatow in ballast, reporting engine and steering gear trouble when off Single Island. She has been taken in hand at Taikoo Dock for repairs.

The s.s. Sui Tai, running between Hongkong and Macao, is to be taken in hand at Taikoo Dock for bottom cleaning this afternoon, and in consequence there is no late sailing to-day. Full service will be resumed to-morrow.

A Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning in connexion with the stabbing affray in a teahouse in Wanchoi. He was charged with stabbing a waiter employed at No. 237, Queen's Road East. The police informed his Worship that the waiter was still in hospital, and applied for a week's formal remand, which was granted.

The Helena May Institute will give its final musical of the season on Thursday 22nd March at 5.30 p.m. Mrs. Womack, Mr. Glover and Mr. Gardner will sing, Mrs. Hargrave Browne and Mrs. Griggs will accompany. A Concerto will be played by Mrs. Cashman and Mr. Bowes-Smith on two pianos. Violinists—Mrs. Balen, Mrs. Aubrey and Miss Acheson. Tables for ten must be booked by Wednesday afternoon at the latest.—Advt.

The Hunan Massacres.

When a German engineer and his wife reach the sanctuary of a foreign settlement on the verge of a nervous breakdown as the direct result of horrifying experiences in the hands of Chinese desperadoes, the seriousness of the situation in South China and the extreme north of Kwangtung must

assume a different aspect in the eyes of the European population of China. It is regrettable that unrestrained Chinese hordes are always so prone to terrible excesses that, beyond a passing word of criticism, scanty attention is paid, as a general rule, to such

murmurings as are coming through daily, from the Leiyang district of the ghastly orgy of slaughter and destruction carried out by so-called Communists. The telegram which we published yesterday from Hankow telling of the brutality to which two foreigners, one a lady, were subjected, and the evidence that they too would have been murdered but for knowledge of medical matters, brings the situation home to us more effectively than anything else could have done, though at the moment we cannot see what redress is securable for the outrage. Marshal Pei Chung-hsi was supposed to have been engaged in ending the reign of terror, and it is deplorable to note that his efforts have been relaxed. It is the only inference which can be drawn. He "captured" Leiyang, but it seems fairly clear that his efforts began and ended with entering the city of blackened ruins, and permitting the bands to pass on to continue their dreadful campaign elsewhere. That such a situation can exist in the heart of China, that a rabble can in organised disorganisation be permitted unchallenged to wreak such havoc, butcher thousands of innocent persons, within forty

miles of a powerful military leader, is the most conclusive illustration of China's unpreparedness for treaty revision. If Pei Chung-hsi was sincere in his task of ending the terrorism once and for all, we might look upon the matter sympathetically. If Chinese leaders are not in a position to, or are not prepared to, protect their own nationals from such horrible excesses, what possible guarantee can there be for the safety of foreigners in the hinterland?

The murderous hordes loose in Hunan have been termed Communists, but we are not even prepared to accept this definition at its face value. There may be to some extent a question of an aftermath of Bolshevik propaganda and Moscow's malignant influence, but China's haphazard militarism must be held largely to blame. We doubt at the moment if the bitter lesson will be learned. The remnants of broken armies, Tang Seng-chi's from the North and the "Ironmen" from the South, form the majority of the desperadoes; and serious mischief by Soviet agents has little to do with the terrible massacres which have taken place. It is the first duty of Nationalist China thoroughly to satisfy foreign observers that an end will be put to such a ghastly state of affairs, and in such a way that a recurrence is impossible.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PAYING OFF PENNANTS.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—With reference to your interesting explanation in Tuesday's paper regarding the length of "paying off" pennants on His Majesty's ships, I would like to state, as an ex-seagoing officer, that I was always under the impression that the length of the pennant depended upon the length of time the ship had been in commission. I understood that for each day the ship had been in commission, an inch was added to the length of the pennant, and I and many others are still under that impression.

Perhaps some authority could enlighten us on that subject.

Yours, etc.,

H. N.

Hongkong, Mar. 15th, 1928.

"LITTLE TICH."

[To the Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Some short time ago the death of "Little Tich" was announced. There has been an argument amongst us regarding his proper name. No-one seems to know and even the papers when he died did not mention it. Could you please tell us?—Yours, etc.

MURRAY.

Hongkong, Mar. 15th, 1928.

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HAYNES LIBEL ACTION FAILS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

went to Shanghai, where he secured an appointment as a reporter on the staff of the *Shanghai Mercury*. Only a week later he was given full charge of the paper as editor. He stayed there for just under three years; when he had a quarrel with the Directors and left. He then became night editor for *Reuter*, where he remained for six months. He resigned from that position of his own accord.

Continuing: Mr. Haynes said he came back to Hongkong and arrived on September 1st, 1926. He had an interview with Mr. Burnett who gave him a job on the spot. He did not, however, get on very well with a member of the staff with whom he had worked some years ago previously in the Malaya States. A break came and he (Mr. Haynes) left in February, 1927. He immediately took up the position of a resident master at St. Joseph's College within two weeks.

"I should like to say that Mr. Burnett and I parted on very good terms. From then onwards there was nothing disagreeable between us until December 13th."

His Lordship:—On that date what was your employment?

After some hesitation, Mr. Haynes replied that he was then doing nothing.

A "Nose for News."

Mr. Haynes said he was gifted with what journalists called a "nose for news", and in any way he could help the *China Mail* he did so. He contributed as a "free lance," for which he was sometimes paid and sometimes not. He wrote the dramatic criticisms of "Morrie England" and "Bulldog Drummond."

On December 13th, a Monday, he called upon Mr. Burnett with reference to remuneration for some work done. On the previous Saturday, he was held up on the steps of the Theatre Royal and asked if he would forego his evening's engagement and cover the *Tung On* piracy, reported by a wireless message which had just come through. He was told that the *Sunday Herald* had no one to attend it. Mr. Haynes added that he had been working for the *Herald* all day, at the Magistracy in the morning and lawn bowls at Kowloon in the afternoon. It was only by reason of the fact that he had been dining with Mr. Dobbie, the night editor of the paper, that they had known where to find him.

Payment Refused.

However, Mr. Haynes went on to say, he agreed to attend to the piracy and worked on the waterfront until past midnight. When he interviewed Mr. Burnett, the claim for remuneration was disputed, on the grounds that he had not engaged him (Mr. Haynes), saying that he had been engaged by Mr. Dobbie. Mr. Haynes continued that that was ridiculous, but Mr. Burnett refused to pay.

He (Mr. Haynes) then went home and wrote what he considered to be a really courteous letter to Mr. Burnett, to which he received no reply, so he issued a writ. Mr. Dobbie was sent round to see him the day before the case was due for hearing, with a view to accepting a compromise which, after some discussion he (Mr. Haynes) accepted. From that moment onwards, he was bound to say that Mr. Burnett appeared to have deliberately set out to attack him.

The Christie Case.

Last September, continued Mr. Haynes, he was approached by a man named James Christie, whom he knew to be a member of the gang of Company promoters who got him into trouble in England in 1922. Christie asked Haynes to do certain things, but he "just listened." Afterwards, he went straight to Mr. H. T. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, and told him exactly what had occurred, and, upon Mr. King's instructions, he cultivated Christie's acquaintance. Ultimately, Christie and another man were arrested, charged at the Central Magistracy, found guilty and sentenced.

For reasons which he had not been able to ascertain, the defending solicitor considered it his business to unravel a somewhat deplorable episode of his (Mr. Haynes) life in 1922. From his point of view it meant four years' work of rehabilitation crashed to the ground in one stroke.

Mr. Alabaster remarked that the solicitor mentioned by Mr. Haynes did not mean the present defendant's solicitor.

Mr. Haynes replied by saying that he meant Christie's solicitor.

A Disgrace."

Continuing, Mr. Haynes said as far as the other newspapers were concerned the facts involving himself were reported absolutely fairly, but the "manner in which they were reported by the *China Mail* I can only describe as revolting and a disgrace to British journalism."

His Lordship:—What is the date of this report you so describe?

Mr. Haynes:—It runs through the months of November and December last year.

His Lordship:—I am not concerned with that.

Mr. Haynes:—I overlooked this, because at that time I was practically a broken man.

His Lordship remarked that there was no need to deal with matters outside the writ.

Mr. Haynes went on to say that he was going home and everything was arranged, but the same determination which brought him back to China made him decide to stay, whatever happened.

Poster Lines.

Mr. Haynes, referring to the recent Law Society prosecution, said the summons was one of the ordinary kind heard every week in the Police Court. Dozens were heard by the Magistrates during the week, cases ranging from stray dogs to tyrannical masters. They covered all kinds of offences, offences about which nothing had been heard before.

Referring to the *China Mail* newspaper poster on this case, Mr. Haynes said when he was walking along the street on the same day, he saw a poster with tremendous black lines "Haynes Discharged."

Continuing, Mr. Haynes said:—"Who is this person?"

His Lordship:—That was not on the poster.

Mr. Haynes:—No, my Lord. I am trying to convey the impression of the man in the street.

This was not a man who had been heard of for weeks previously;

not a man who had been in the public eye. The penalty for the offence was not even imprisonment.

But there were those words on the poster. You had not to pay ten cents to get this information."

Double Column Heading.

Continuing, he said that when ten cents had been paid for the paper, it was found that the same words appeared in a double column headline on the top of the first two columns on the front page. The report was continued on Page 7.

Mr. Haynes put in a copy of the *China Mail* for February 8th.

His Lordship:—Your summons was the only one finished on that occasion.

Mr. Haynes:—It was withdrawn.

His Lordship:—Two other summonses were outstanding and the report indicated that the other two summonses had still to be heard?

Mr. Haynes:—Yes.

Mr. Haynes said that the words complained of also appeared on Page 7 in the text and also as a sub-heading. It was rather unfortunate that the actual poster had not been put in.

"I submit," he said, "that the action, and I shall call evidence to support my submission, in handling the case in this manner can only have been actuated by malice. No sane journalist would deliberately set out to pillory a man in such a manner. They have practically taken it upon themselves to invent a case against me. You can't get out of a bath until you get in it, neither can a man be discharged before he is charged. If you would like to hear me on Lord Darley and suing newspapers...."

His Lordship intimated that he did not desire to hear Mr. Haynes on the law at that stage.

"Public Ridicule."

His Lordship:—You say you have actually suffered damage by this report?—I have been held up to public ridicule.

His Lordship:—You say you have not lost any employment? Nothing of that kind has happened?

Mr. Haynes:—No I am not suing for damages on that score, merely fighting Kaiserism.

Mr. O. T. Breakspear, editor of the *Hongkong Daily Press*, who said he appeared under subpoena.

Mr. Haynes, addressing Mr. Breakspear said, "You don't know why I have asked you to come here. I am taking a risk. You may be for me or against me."

A copy of the *Hongkong Daily Press* for February 9 was produced and Mr. Alabaster remarked they should have been supplied with copies.

Mr. Haynes, (to witness): Is there anything in that paper about my having been charged or discharged?

"Perhaps Equally Offensive."

His Lordship:—It says something which is perhaps equally offensive, that you figured prominently, Mr. Haynes.

Mr. Breakspear was understood to say that the report said Mr. Haynes was discharged. His Lordship commented that the language was attributed to Mr. Linself himself.

Handed a copy of the poster, Mr. Breakspear was asked by Mr. Haynes: "Having regard to the

facts of this case, a summons in the Police Court, would you regard a poster such as that, consistent with journalistic ethics?"

His Lordship:—I don't think I will ask him to answer that question. It is one for the Court. You must leave that to me.

Questioned by Mr. Alabaster, witness said the report of the case was Mr. Blake prosecuted and that Mr. Lindsell said to the plaintiff "You are discharged," not once but twice.

Mr. J. T. Dobbie was next called and said he was an editor by profession with over 29 years' experience. He was at present unemployed. In reply to questions he said he had known the plaintiff for some years. Witness said he was on the staff of the *China Mail* and *Sunday Herald* in December last year.

Reported Efficiently.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Dobbie said he recalled December 11 when Mr. Haynes undertook reporting work covering a Police Court, lawn bowls and a piracy.

His Lordship:—He reported efficiently?—Yes.

In reply to His Lordship, witness said he was not present at an interview which took place on the following Monday, but he was sent for later by Mr. Burnett. Mr. Haynes did the reporting work with Mr. Burnett's knowledge. Mr. Dobbie went on to explain how the staff was employed on the Saturday when Mr. Haynes undertook reporting work, and said the paper eventually "went to bed" about three o'clock on the Sunday morning.

Mr. Haynes:—I worked practically 17 consecutive hours?—Yes.

For Everyone to See.

Mr. Haynes:—What happened on the Tuesday?—Mr. Burnett showed me a copy of a letter he had sent to him. It was posted on the notice board.

Mr. Haynes:—For everyone to see?—Yes.

In reply to further questions witness said he was later shown a writ and was understood to explain that there was some discussion with regard to payment for Mr. Haynes' work. Mr. Dobbie said the writ was also posted on the notice board, and in reply to Mr. Haynes' words were spoken to the effect that if Mr. Haynes came upstairs he would be denied out.

Witness said nothing further happened until the eve of the day on which the writ was down for hearing when Mr. Burnett called witness into his office and said he would endeavour to compromise.

Mr. Haynes:—Plaintiff—I denied it.

Doing Business.

What were you doing on the 8th February?—I was doing what I was doing, business.

That is to say as proprietor and editor of the *Hongkong Observer*? Yes, and also as the South China Trade Protection Association.

Mr. Alabaster again asked witness if he seriously thought that the line "Law-Society Suit" "Haynes Discharged" as they appeared on the poster, conveyed to the public the idea that he had been dismissed from employment. Witness affirmed that as they appeared in the way they did on the poster, the words did convey that meaning. They did not appear to be so on the draft produced in Court.

Mr. Alabaster:—Plaintiff—I denied it.

Meaning of "Discharge."

Mr. Alabaster then looked up the definition of the word "discharge" in standard dictionaries, and amongst other meanings set out in the volume which he took up, this definition was set out: "To relieve of something, weighing up or impeding over one, as for example a debt, claim, obligation, accusation, etc.—to absolve, to acquit or to exonerate of guilt."

Witness denied that the Magistrate did use the word "discharge."

Mr. Alabaster:—It will make a difference in the case if they say what he did say.

Witness:—It might help your case.

Witness said that in a considerable statement, issued later, Mr. Lindsell employed the words: "the summons must be dismissed."

Witness admitted that was so.

Same Word.

Rending from the second part of plaintiff's statement of his case, where plaintiff claimed, also, that the word "discharged" as appearing both in the newspaper report and poster, was a deliberate misstatement of the facts involved in that case, Mr. Alabaster put it to witness that the Magistrate himself, not once but twice, used the word "discharged," whatever the Magistrate might mean by that; and that the other newspapers in their respective reports of the case, had used the same word.

Witness alleged that there was only one reporter in Court, as far as he could remember.

Mr. Alabaster:—You say you were not discharged?—I certainly was not discharged, in a case of this nature.

Witness submitted that the proper word to use in a "summons case was not "discharged,"

but "dismissed," whatever the Magistrate might mean by that; and that the other newspapers in their respective reports of the case, had used the same word.

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Judgment was given for the defendant, with costs.

"Lot Out of Little."

His Lordship:—It is clear in my mind that the words complained of are not defamatory and cannot possibly carry a defamatory interpretation.

It seems to me in this action an attempt has been made to make a lot out of little.

The action must fall to the ground.

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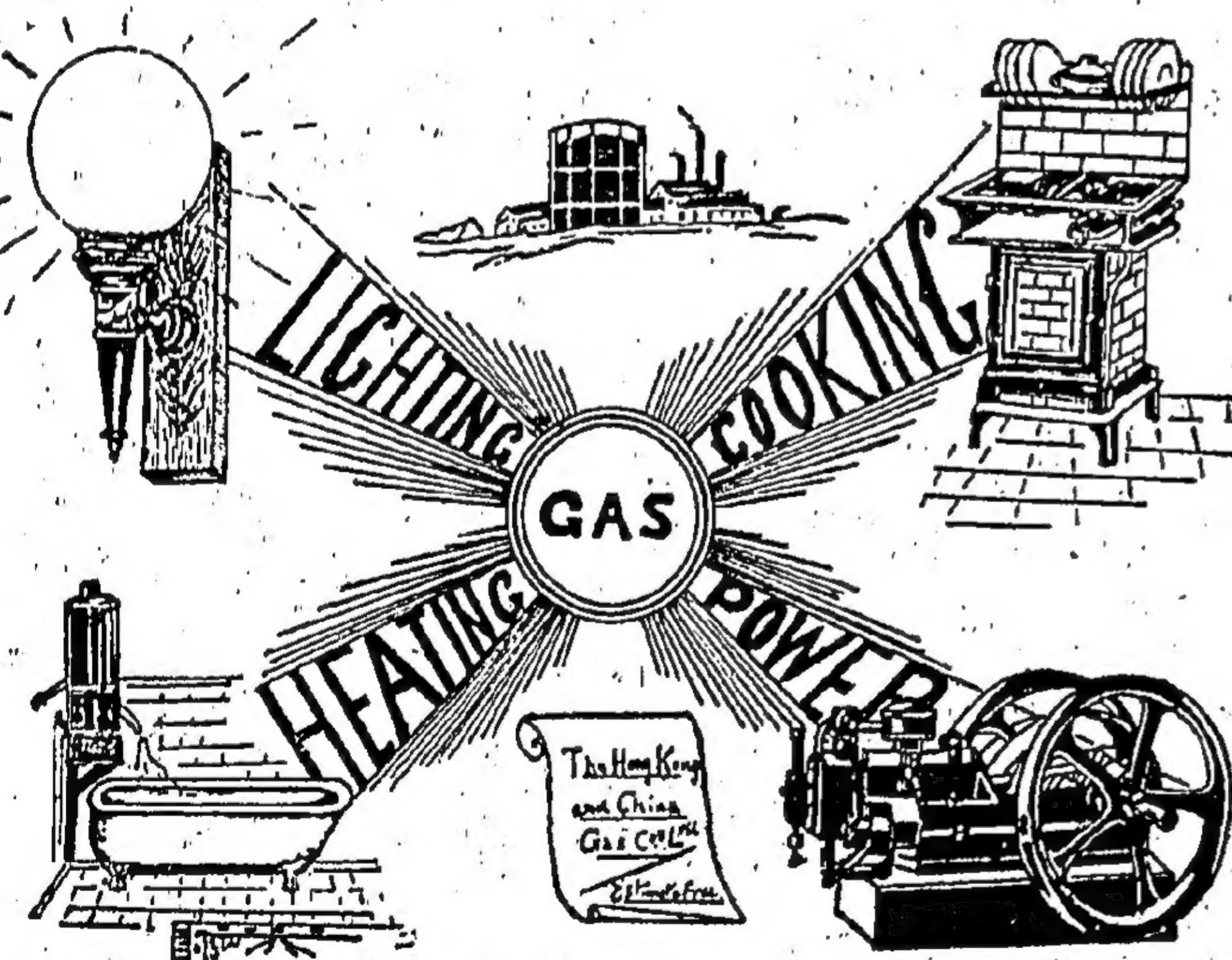
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THE WORLD OF SPORT.



SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

RANGERS AND CELTIC FOR FINAL.

LOOKS ALMOST CERTAIN.

London, Mar. 14. The draw for the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup Competition was made to-day, and resulted as follows:

Hibernians v. Rangers, At Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh. Celtic v. Queen's Park, At Ibrox Park, Glasgow.

Matches are to be played on March 24th.—Reuter.

CAN FORM BE FOLLOWED?

Are the Rangers likely to dispose of the bogey of the Scottish Cup this season? It seems certain they will appear in the final, as the opposition on Saturday week cannot be regarded as of the strongest.

Although they have won the Scottish League repeatedly, the Rangers have not won the Scottish Cup for 25 years, though they reached the final against the Celtic in 1908-09 and the cup was withheld.

The Celtic, who appear to have a comfortable match in opposing the amateurs, Queen's Park, have won the Cup nine times since the Rangers' last success.

Form would indicate that the Rangers and the Celtic will appear in the final, and, judging by League performances, the Rangers should break the long sequence of unexplainable failures.

HOME FOOTBALL.

HUDDERSFIELD STILL GOING STRONG.

London Mar. 14.

Huddersfield further strengthened their position at the head of the 1st Division of the English League to-day by defeating Blackburn and were further helped by the fact that their nearest rivals, Everton, went down to Manchester United. Several other League fixtures were played, the complete results being:

1st Division.

Sunderland 5 Arsenal 1 Manchester U.n. 1 Everton 3 Huddersfield 1

2nd Division.

Chelsea 4 Grimsby 0

3rd Division (South).

Palace 3 Torquay 2 Southend 1 Swindon 1

3rd Division (North).

Bradford City 3 Rotherham 1

Rugby Cup Final.

Playing in the final of the Rugger Hospitals Cup, at Richmond, St. Barts, defeated London, by 8 points to 3.—Reuter.

League Table.

The 1st Division League table, corrected to date, is now as follows:

| | P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Huddersfield | 31 18 5 8 75 50 41 |
| Everton | 32 14 10 8 76 53 33 |
| Cardiff | 32 14 8 10 56 51 36 |
| Leicester | 31 14 7 10 71 58 35 |
| Bolton | 32 14 7 11 64 54 35 |
| Blackburn | 32 13 9 10 48 54 35 |
| Newcastle | 31 12 9 10 66 61 33 |
| Burnley | 32 14 4 16 61 73 32 |
| Liverpool | 32 11 9 12 72 65 31 |
| Sunderland | 32 12 7 11 62 58 31 |
| Tottenham | 31 18 5 15 62 58 31 |
| Middlesb. | 32 10 10 12 63 67 30 |
| Bury | 32 14 2 16 55 65 30 |
| Arsenal | 30 11 8 12 65 65 30 |
| Birmingham | 32 9 12 11 54 62 30 |
| Derby | 31 11 7 18 69 69 29 |
| Aston Villa | 30 12 5 13 61 61 29 |
| West Ham | 31 11 7 13 60 60 29 |
| South | 31 11 7 13 60 60 29 |
| Manchester U. | 31 11 7 13 49 55 29 |
| Portsmouth | 31 10 7 14 60 75 27 |
| Sheldfield U. | 30 9 7 14 52 65 25 |
| Wednesday | 30 6 10 15 54 63 22 |

Miss Annie M. Keynes, aged 23, said to be a nurse, was found dead in the bath-room of a house in Alma-road, Bournemouth. Beside her lay a young man, whose name is given as William Charles Clarke, a builder, of SheLBourne-road, Bournemouth, in an unconscious state. Miss Keynes went to the bath-room with the apparent intention of having a bath. Because she was so long, her aunt, with whom she had lived in the top flat of the house for about a month, became anxious. The aunt tried the door, and finding it locked, sent for the police, who burst it open.

LAWN BOWLS.

HONGKONG V. SINGAPORE PASSENGERS.

Among passengers proceeding Home on the P. and O. s.s. Macedonia are a number of enthusiastic lawn bowls players from Hongkong. The night before Singapore was reached, the suggestion was made that, if possible, a friendly game should be arranged with Singapore bowlers.

Accordingly on Wednesday, March 16th the Hongkong bowlers got into touch with Mr. Stuart Clark, the Secretary of the Singapore Cricket Club, with the view to arranging a game. The Secretary of the Singapore Cricket Club immediately fell in with the suggestion, and, entirely through his efforts, a game was arranged. A Singapore team was hurriedly raised, and the bowling green was at once placed at the disposal of the Hongkong visitors.

The game was played on the rink. The contest was most keen, and, although Hongkong won, it was not until the last end was reached that they obtained the honour of the encounter by the narrow margin of one "shot."

The final score read:—Hongkong 11; Singapore 10.

This indicates the standard of play. Singapore had the advantage of knowing their green. On the other hand, the Hongkong team included two former Interport players.

Hongkong, it may be added, thoroughly enjoyed the game, and the players desire to express thanks to the Secretary and members of the Singapore Cricket Club for their courtesy and hospitality extended at such short notice.

At the beginning of the game, it appeared that Hongkong would secure a "run-away" victory. They opened in fine style, and at the 10th end led by 9 points to 1. Then the hosts began to creep up, and levelled the score until it stood at 9-9. From then, on there was never more than one shot scored on any "head." It was not, as mentioned, until the 21st end was reached, that Hongkong gained the victory.

The respective teams and scores were:

Hongkong—W. Bell (Taikoo), B. Bell (Taikoo), B. E. Vaughan (C.S.C.C.), G. Morrison (Taikoo Club) 11.

Singapore—Evans, McIntyre, Gray, Bowmer (skip) 10.

A rather good suggestion, passed on for the benefit of Hongkong bowlers, is that any Hongkong bowlers proceeding Home, and passing through Singapore, should communicate with the Secretary of the Singapore Cricket Club before leaving Hongkong, thus allowing more time in which friendly bowls matches could be arranged. The Singapore bowlers are always ready for a game, but as long notice as possible is desirable.

A. C. W.

SINGAPORE BOXING.

H.M.S. CUMBERLAND LOSE ALL FIGHTS.

At Singapore, last week, a number of boxing contests were held between the Duke of Wellington's Regt. and members of the crew of H.M.S. Cumberland. The evening proved successful for the Regiment, every contest going to the Army men.

The results were: Bantam-weight, Pte. Lockwood beat Seman, Forster; featherweight, Pte. Harris beat Leading Stoker Ball; lightweight, Pte. Burke beat A. B. Jolly and Linc.-Cpl. Hobbs beat A. B. Castle; welterweight, Pte. McKenna beat Stoker Yarnell; Pte. Tomkins beat A. B. Moore and Pte. Birch beat A. B. Sullivan; middleweight, Pte. Coyde beat A. B. Chamberlain; heavyweight, Pte. Whitehead beat Signaller Fuller.

The event was attended by H.E. the Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford, who, at the conclusion, presented the prizes.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

WINS FOR K.O.S.B. AND R.A.

Two first division football League matches were played yesterday, the K.O.S.B. defeating the Queen's Regt. by 3 to 1, and the R.A. defeating the Scots Guards, 2 to 1.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 17th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

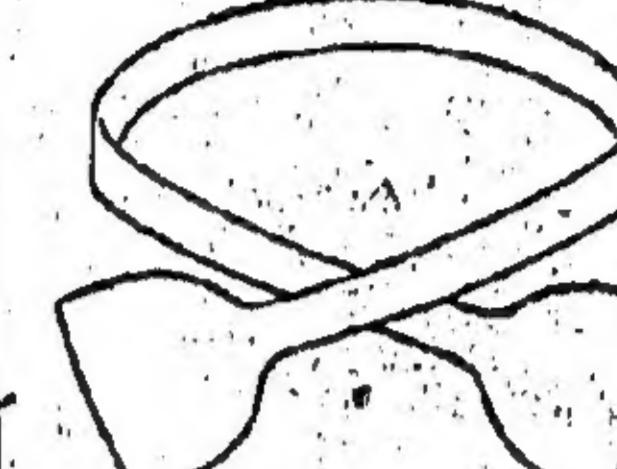
In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

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MEN'S WEAR STYLISTS

DAY BY DAY.

Among passengers arriving by s.s. *Mantua* this morning was Mr. Roc, of the Harbour Department. He will resume duty at the Harbour Office during the next few days, vice Mr. Andrews.

A report was made to the police yesterday by Mr. J. Shepherd, of No. 1, Hatton Road, to the effect that a coolie employed by him absconded yesterday, taking with him a leather suitcase containing a raincoat, an overcoat and a pair of field glasses. The total value of the loss is placed at \$170.

A Chinese, named Tang Pan-hung, collapsed in the street at Yaumati yesterday afternoon, after having just landed from the Yaumati Ferry. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, but died shortly after admission. It is understood that the deceased came over from Macao to visit his relatives.

Holding that the Rev. W. T. Featherstone did not come within the definition of a public officer, as laid down in the Ordinance, Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, discharged the three Chinese who were arrested while trespassing on land under the control of the Diocesan Boys' School. His Worship intimated that there was no case against the defendants, but that the complainant could take civil action.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a high return in arrivals and departures, with British holding top place, but cargoes were generally low. There was only one four figure return inwards, while only nine of the arrivals registered through freights. The highest inward was British, while German and Chinese registered the highest throughs. At 9 a.m. there were 72 vessels in harbour, of which 26 were British.

Herbert J. C. Knight, a corn and seed merchant, of London-road, Bromley, Kent, made another appearance before the Bromley Magistrate recently on summonses for attempting to obtain from John Harvey, of Nonington, near Dover, £998 18s., and from Henry Filmer, Ltd., Sittingbourne, £388 16s., by falsely pretending that a quantity of seed was genuine old pasture Kent wild white clover. It was submitted by Mr. W. Stuart Bates for the Ministry of Agriculture, who prosecuted, that the seed was of New Zealand origin and not Kentish grown. He alleged that Knight was planning to carry out a complete fraud on the seed trade by selling New Zealand seed instead of Kentish. Knight was committed to the Kent Assizes.

TROOPS MOVEMENTS IN THE NORTH.

Nanking, Mar. 14. Small troop movements are reported here.

To-morrow (Thursday), Marshal Chang Kai-shek will leave for Haichow-fu, his headquarters on the Northern front. Naval wireless.

MOTOR CYCLE RELIABILITY TRIAL



those qualities which make an advocate famous and successful, but you know, one of your responsibilities, and it is also one of my responsibilities, is to get rid, sternly and firmly, of the effects of rhetorical appeals and to look at the truth—and you know the truth is simple and does not require perorations."

Sir Patrick, he said, had suggested that Mr. Jowitt, by an agility of mind which he admired, had entirely reconstructed his cross-examination of Mr. Mitchell Hedges after he had heard Sir Patrick open the case on behalf of "a well-known explorer." Now that sounded all very well until one came to look at the statement of claim, delivered on February 24, 1927, the opening words of which were "The plaintiff is a well-known explorer."

Having entered a plea of justification the defendants must satisfy the jury that the words which constituted the alleged libel were true, and if they failed to do that the only question that remained was that of damages. What was meant by saying that the words were true? As much must be justified as amounted to the sting of the charge, and if anything were contained in the charge which did not add to the sting, it need not be justified.

Naturally and properly enough, the case had been fought upon the simple and sole question, "Is it true to say that the plaintiff was a party to this hoax?"

The gist of the matter, the sting of it, was that the defendant said the plaintiff was a party to it, and not a victim of it. The jury would have observed two very remarkable sets of facts, and that on two occasions a motor-car trip along the Portsmouth road was started from the National Liberal Club. It was, no doubt, a little unfortunate that that Club happened to be a political club, but Lord Hewart said he was sure that the jury would not allow their judgment to be influenced by the fact that it was a political club or that it was a club connected with a certain political party.

"What's a Set?"

When they looked at certain portions of the evidence and observed the persons who were mixed up together, and the errand on which they were engaged, they might be tempted to reflect "what a set." But no feeling of that kind ought to prevent them ascertaining the truth of the matter.

"The point about the National Liberal Club is this, and this only," continued Lord Hewart, "that because it was the starting point of the journey Mr. Hedges had to be there. Could anything be more false and more misleading than that he should be exhibited to you as a person who, for some reason or other, had been selected to be a standard bearer in some political party? The point about the National Liberal Club is this, and no more—that it was on each of those occasions the starting point from which those who were to carry out this hoax began their journey."

"A person who said he was not in the hoax could, of course, prove that, if he had chosen to do so, by putting the other five into the witness-box. Each one could then say, 'I had no arrangement which included him. He was no party to it.' When you know that Mr. Bagot Gray and some others were in this court from the beginning, and when you hear of the uninterrupted cordiality of the relations with Bagot Gray, is it or is it not a remarkable circumstance that Mr. Bagot Gray has not been put into the witness-box?"

"You may think it a very remarkable circumstance that not one of these persons has been called to say that the plaintiff was not a party to the hoax. The advantage of hearing evidence from witnesses in the box is that when a person is speaking and giving his answers, he conveys a certain impression to your minds. In this case it would not have been very surprising if, at the close of the plaintiff's case, you had said, 'We are satisfied by the evidence given by the plaintiff himself, and on his behalf, that he was in this matter.'

"But, of course, the case cannot rest there. There has been affirmative evidence called on the part of the defendants, and it is quite clear that if you accept the evidence of Mr. Shaw there is abundant proof that the plaintiff was in this practical joke."

In his final speech for Mr. Mitchell Hedges Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., said that Mr. Jowitt in his long cross-examination of Mr. Hedges, relating to things in his past and not to the circumstances of the present case, had merely carried out the instructions of the *Daily Express* with their calculated insolence.

"If Mr. Hedges and Mr. Edgell are fraudulent scoundrels, who have come here to commit perjury in order to extract money out of a newspaper, they have put themselves in a peril beyond exaggeration. And for what? Why should they have done it? I ask you to say that these two men shall leave this Court free from the intolerable stigma placed on them that they are both liars, combining together to rob this newspaper for their own personal advantage."

Truth and Perorations.

"You have listened to a remarkable speech," said the Lord Chief Justice to the jury, when Sir Patrick sat down, "and one full of

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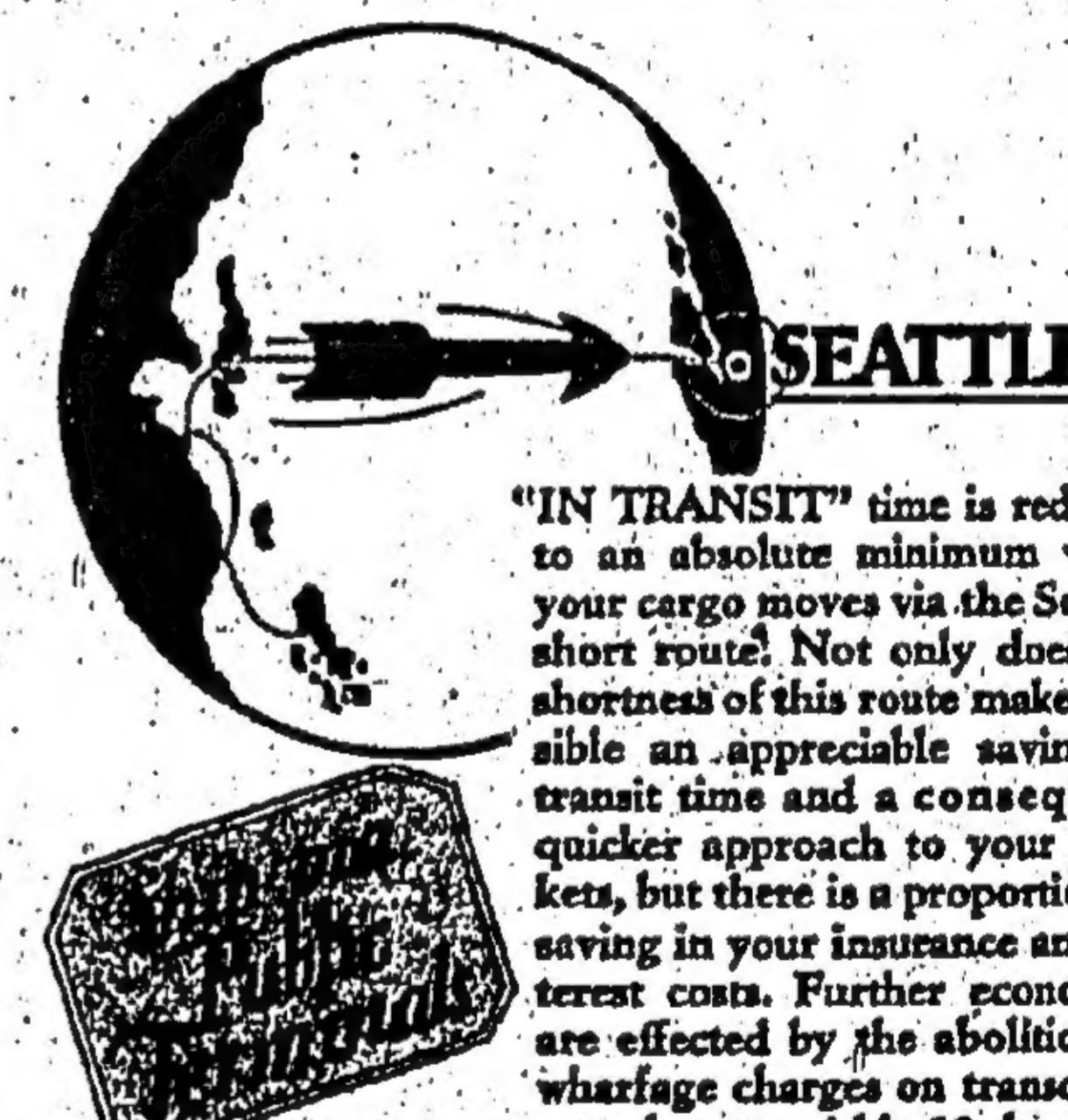
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Known as George Borrow's chair, a huge block of wood, the back of which is formed by a bough, has been presented to the town by Mr. W. R. Hall, of Abergavenny.

THE METAL BOX

By THOMAS COBB.

(Author of "False Pretences," "Mrs. Pomery's Reputation," etc.)

CHAPTER XIV.

The drawing-room on the first floor was one of the most expensively furnished in London and looked like it. A tall screen stood before the fire, and Lady Parkinson was leaning back in an easy chair with an open novel on her knees. Her usual allowance was one a day. Her lips were slightly parted, she rhythmically snored, till as her husband stopped before her, she opened her eyes, sat up with a jerk, and grabbed at the book.

Although fifty seven years of age, she looked extraordinarily young, and her complexion was still clear, unwrinkled and scarcely powdered. Her fair hair, less pronouncedly red than Everard's had kept its colour, and she had kindly hazel eyes. Her rather podgy hands were covered with rings and she wore a valuable ruby brooch, believing that it had a tendency to make her appear less florid.

"Agnes, the most extraordinary thing!" cried Sir Joseph. "There's a man downstairs who says he's brought back those jewels you lost at Waterloo."

Lady Parkinson looked as if she thought she must still be dreaming.

"Never!" she answered. "Never, after all this time! Joe, there's some trick."

"Well, we shall see. He calls himself Dr. Markwell, and he looks all right."

"Ah, but you never can tell!"

"Still, he's got a box and I left him opening it. It's true I haven't seen what's inside it yet. But it'd be too informally bare-faced. I thought you'd like to be on the spot."

As a matter of fact she welcomed the excitement, and at once accompanied Sir Joseph down the thickly carpeted stairs, finding Lupton waiting to reopen the smoking-room door. By this time Foster had unlocked the box and raised the lid, and directly Lady Parkinson crossed the threshold, she uttered a loud exclamation of astonishment, running to the writing-table and fingering the gems.

"Well, I certainly never expected to see them again," she cried. "After all this time. Wherever have they come from?" she demanded, with the ruby necklace in one hand and the diamond flares in the other, as she gazed into Foster's face.

"Perhaps," Sir Joseph snapped out, "you'll have the kindness to explain!"

As the three stood in a group, Foster, by far the coolest, began his explanation. Nor did he find it easy. It seemed obvious that these people were entitled to hear how their stolen property had come into his possession, but he knew too little about Hillyard to make the story plausible without creating a wrong impression of his apparently circumspect little aunt. He was anxious, also, not to drag in Theresa's name, and consequently kept Everard Parkinson's out of it.

He, however, insisted on Redpath's share in the restoration, urging his claim to the reward, though with an uncomfortable feeling that he was suspected of going halves.

"The man is neither more nor less than a thief, and the companion of thieves," exclaimed Sir Joseph. "Birds of a feather!" he added, with an unpleasant expression, as he glared at Foster.

"Anyhow, but for Redpath," was the reply, "you would never have seen your property again."

"It's not my property."

"Lady Parkinson's," said Foster.

"Nor her ladyship's."

"Then whose is it?" asked Foster, entirely at a loss.

"It belongs to the Lion Assurance Company," Dr. Markwell. The jewels were insured for their full value. The money was paid in due course. It was the assurance company that offered the reward. Application must be made to them. In my opinion they won't part with a penny. This man Redpath certainly doesn't deserve one. He should have given his information two years ago."

As he spoke, Sir Joseph drew the box towards him, and Lady Parkinson regretfully replaced the gem she had been handling.

"I will communicate with the company at once," Sir Joseph continued, turning the key in the lock, "and take charge of the jewels till they send for them."

"Well, my responsibility is ended anyhow," said Foster, and without a word of thanks, he left the room, with a vastly different opinion of Everard. Parkinson from that he had brought with him.

SINGAPORE LAWYER RETIRES.

AFTER 23 YEARS OUT EAST.

The Singapore Bar lost another of its senior members when Mr. G. S. Carver left on retirement by the Macedonia last week, after 23 years in the Colony.

Mr. Carver qualified as a solicitor in 1903 with firm of maritime lawyers at Liverpool, and he has frequently appeared in cases connected with that branch of the law during his legal career in Singapore. He was away from Singapore for three years during the war, when he served with the 1st Cheshire Regiment in France and Belgium. His ability as an advocate is well-known, and it is recalled that he was one of the counsel engaged in the famous Malayan Collieries litigation heard at Kuala Lumpur several years ago.

Mr. Carver twice served on the Legislative Council, and during the past year he has dealt with a number of public questions, particularly the prevalence of crime and an adequate police force, in speeches made at that body. He has also been a strong supporter of the Straits Settlements Association (Singapore), and has twice been elected President of that body. He has also done useful work for the Children's Aid Society and a member of the Committee.

A keen tennis player and yachtsman, Mr. Carver has held the office of Vice-Commodore of the Royal Singapore Yacht Club, of which he has always been an enthusiastic member. He has been a member of the Volunteers since he arrived in Singapore and he holds the Volunteer Decoration, with the present rank of Lieutenant in the Reserve.

The good wishes of many friends in the Straits will go with Mr. and Mrs. Carver when they leave Singapore and settle down, as they hope to do, to enjoy the delights of the English countryside.

This seemed perfectly clear, but Theresa had had no suspicion. She had been completely deceived. Everard had lied to her, and she unfortunately had believed him.

He was worse than the mere waster she had described. He was neither more nor less than a rogue.

Already, before his recent visit to Park Lane, Foster had been convinced that it was Everard who saw Miss Croom on the Monday before she was murdered and used the name of Hillyard as an introduction. Had Everard desired only to restore Lady Parkinson's property, the visit to Baynton Crescent would seem of little importance, but as he had been obviously after the jewellery, for his own ends, the case became infinitely more serious. Nothing, it was true, of any consequence had happened during that first visit, but the question arose, had it been followed by a second as Monica Railton insinuated, and had that taken place on the fatal Thursday? The first thing, however, was to ascertain beyond a doubt whether Everard's description tallied with that of the man whom, presumably, Martha Keen had admitted on the Monday.

A few days after the funeral, Hillyard had asked Foster to give her a reference, and he had made a note of the address in his pocket diary. Consulting this now, he saw that she was living at Downshire Hill, Hampstead, and taking a motor bus in Oxford Street, walking the rest of the way along Belsize Park. He was surprised at the rural character of the road, and stopped at the gate of a sort of cottage with a bow window and a lattice work porch.

Monica opened the door, looking as gaunt, and as Foster thought, as forbidding as ever.

"Lor, Dr. Markwell," she cried, "you've never come to say you've been the murderer?"

"Dr. Markwell," exclaimed Monica, with a determined air, "there's one question I want to ask you."

"What is it?"

"Are you going to see Inspector Pow to-night?"

"Not to-night," answered Foster. "I'm inclined to think I shall be driven to it before I've done. But I must have a word with Miss Feversham first."

"Miss Feversham!" retorted Monica contemptuously. "How you can be so dense! If Mr. Parkinson killed poor Miss Croom, you may feel certain of one thing.

Miss Feversham knew the jewels were insured, she knew what he meant to do with them. I don't say she thought he was going to kill Miss Croom beforehand. Come to that most likely he didn't mean to kill her. He was carried away and lost his head. But she knew all about it before she tempted you to take the box to her flat, and if the plot had come off, she'd have had her share."

Foster was annoyed. When Monica rose from her chair, he opened the door and followed her downstairs without another word, nor did he offer his hand on the threshold. Miss Railton walked away in a state of righteous indignation, and that evening after dinner at the Roscoe Women's Club, she went to Miss Statham's bedroom. Over cigarettes, the two discussed the Croom case in all its known details.

"One thing's certain," said Miss Statham, after an enjoyable hour's talk. "That Miss Feversham, or whatever her real name is, has made a perfect fool of Dr. Markwell. Just like a man. But if I were you, I should stand no more nonsense."

"What should you do?" asked Monica.

"I should take the matter out of his hands. I should go to St. Paul's Yard myself. You might leave an hour early to-morrow afternoon."

(To be continued.)

SHARE PRICES.TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1230 b.
Chartered Bank, \$214 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$334 n.
P. and O. \$64 n.
East Asia, \$70 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$675 b.
Union Ins., \$332 b.
North China, Ins. Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$464 b.
China Underwriters, \$270 b.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$740 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$411 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$281 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2.80 a.
Indo-Chinas, (Dof.), \$451 b.
Shell Trans., \$97 n.
Union Waterboats, \$204 n.

Mining.

Bengtss, \$235 n.
Kailan, \$66/- n.
Langkawi, Tls. \$16 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Rauhs, \$44 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$140 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$481 n.
China Providents \$6.45 sa.
Hongkong, Tls. 164 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 4.80 a.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 101 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.70 b.
Orionals, Tls. 2.15 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 60 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$104 b.
H. K. Lands, \$68 sa.
Shai Lands, Tls. \$131 b.
Humphreys, \$147 b.
Realities, \$8.75 a.
Territories, \$14 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$204 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$194 b.
Star Ferries, \$65 an.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$18 b.
H. K. Electrica, \$74 sa.
Macao Electrica, \$21 b.
Telephones, \$4.65 b.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$212 b.
Malabana, \$27 n.
Canton Ices, \$4 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$12.45 s.
Ropes (Old) \$9.40 s.
United Asbestos \$10 b.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$21 b.
Watsons, \$1425 b.
Der A. Wing, \$2 a.
Lane Crawford, \$3.60 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 a.
Sinceres, \$9.60 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$291 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 6% Prepr.

VATICAN & POLAND.

POPE'S NAME DRAGGED INTO PARTY POLITICS.

Warsaw, Feb. 9.

The name of the Pope has been suddenly brought into the strife of Polish parties, rendered acute just now by the approach of the elections.

In December of last year the Bishop of Poland issued a pastoral letter urging Roman Catholics to use their votes to ensure a Catholic majority in the Diet, and recommending a bloc of all Catholic parties for the elections. This was impossible, since it ignored the real election issue, which is for or against Marshal Pilsudski, and cuts across every other political, social, or religious issue.

The Bishop's letter, however, has been used by the anti-Pilsudski Catholic bloc as a weapon against the supporters of the Government, who include both Catholics and non-Catholics. One clerical organ went so far as to say that to vote for the Government would be a sin.

Prince Janusz Radziwill, leader of the Catholic Conservatives, who are members of the Government Coalition, has replied with a letter in which he states that his party's policy is approved by the Bishop of his own diocese. He also claims he adds from two persons recently received in private audience at the Vatican, that he has the approval of the Pope, who condemns the misuse of the Bishop's letter for party purposes.

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"That labour saving devices encourage laziness" is the motion to be debated at St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club on Monday. The motion will be proposed by Mr. E. K. Quick, seconded by Mr. E. W. Martin, and opposed by Mr. S. V. Boxer and Mr. A. E. Lee.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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SUMMARY COURT.
CLAIM AGAINST SHIPPING CONCERN.

Before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court yesterday Mr. W. D. Owen representing the On Hing Co. Ltd., claimed from the Wai Hing Navigation Company and Lam Chi-sang and Leung Wing, the sum of \$1,000 for goods sold and delivered to the defendants.

The original claim was for \$1,146.92, but in order to bring the case within the jurisdiction of the Court the sum of \$146.92 was waived by the plaintiffs.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented the third defendant Leung Wing, Lam Chi-sang was not in court and the Wai Hing Co., was not represented.

An accountant of the plaintiff

firm informed the Court that he paid several visits to the Wai Hing Company and on one occasion he obtained payment of \$100. That was on January 3. On his subsequent calls at the Company he failed to obtain any money. Later he discovered who the partners were and pressed them for payment.

One of the partners was Leung Wing, whom he located in the Kowloon Godowns. Witness claimed that Leung Wing then admitted that he was a partner but stated that he only owned a \$100 part in a concern capitalised at \$7,000.

This witness also stated that Leung Wing called at the plaintiff's shop one day and asked to be treated leniently, for which consideration he offered to interview the others interested in the Wai Hing Company to get them to pay their share of the debt.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ,

witness stated that he borrowed two books from the Wai Hing firm and handed them to his solicitors, Messrs. Hastings, Denney and Bowley.

Another accountant of the plain-

tiff firm corroborated the state-

ment that the defendant Leung

Wing called at the plaintiff firm

and discussed the matter of the

Defendant's Evidence.

Defendant in the box informed

the court that he had nothing to

do with the Wai Hing Company.

He was a godown keeper employed

at the Kowloon Godowns, earning

\$40 a month, and added that he had

no money to invest in any business.

He had a wife and several children

to support and could not save any-

thing from his wages.

In answer to Mr. Owen the de-

fendant said that he owned pro-

perty in Hongkong or that he had

a partnership in any other firm.

He added that he had no money

in any bank.

The defence called a witness

who was a previous manager of the

Wai Hing firm and who is at pres-

ent winding up its affairs. He

stated that there were three par-

ners of that firm, the names of the

partners, being Wu Kee, Lam Chi-

sang (second defendant) and a

man named Leung Wing. Witness

declared that the Leung Wing in

Court was not the Leung Wing who

was a partner.

In answer to his Lordship wit-

ness said that the Leung Wing who

was a partner of the firm had gone

to sea and would be back in the

plaintiffs.

His Lordship added that in all

probability he would be gone from

the Colony before the fourth

Chinese moon, and in that event

if fresh proceedings had to be

taken, the costs of the present

hearing were to be borne by the

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**CANTON'S BETTER
OUTLOOK.****MOST OF THE TROOPS MOVED
FROM CITY.****PEACE AND ORDER.**

The fact that most of the armies of the Southern Government have now left Canton for other districts in Kwangtung is regarded as a further indication of the fact that the Communist menace has been removed from the city, consequent on the strong action recently taken by Marshal Li Chai-sum's Government.

Peace and order have been restored in Canton, and the tense feeling which prevailed until recently has now completely relaxed.

Shortly after the Communist coup in December, when large numbers of "Reds" were still at large in the city, Marshal Li Chai-sum, in order to prevent any further untoward events, concentrated almost all the armies of the Southern Government inside the city. These included the 11th and 13th Division of the 4th Army, under the leadership of Generals Chan Chal-tong and Hau King-tong; the 5th Army, under General Tang Yin-wah; the 38th and 39th regiments and the newly-recruited 2nd and 6th Divisions of the 11th Army, under General Chan Ming-shiu; and also the 7th Army, under General Wang Shao-hung.

Now, with the exception of the 11th Army, which is still in the Canton city, it is stated that most of these troops have either been despatched to other districts for station duty or have joined in the big anti-Communist expedition on the East River. A good portion of the 7th Army of General Wang Shao-hung has returned to Kwangtung.

Conditions on the streets and in business circles have returned to normal. In the main thoroughfares, there is an absence of troops and armed corps of police patrols, who were much in evidence at the time the Communist coup came to an end.

According to an official report by the Government, since the "Red" insurrection in December about fifty Communist rendezvous have been raided, at which some 700 "Reds" were arrested and put into prison.

In view of the stability and security now prevailing in Canton, the Canton Garrison Headquarters may be re-organized and renamed the "Bandit Suppression Bureau."

**LEAGUE AND SOCIAL
EVIL.****EXTENTION OF ENQUIRY
TO FAR EAST.**

Geneva, Mar. 14. The Advisory Committee on the traffic in women and children has decided, in principle, to extend the enquiry of the special body of experts to countries in the East and Far East.

The matter will be reconsidered next Session when it is thought possible that definite recommendations can be made.

Meanwhile the Committee enlists the assistance of Members and the voluntary societies represented in the draft of the British resolution. The Committee earnestly hopes that the Governments of all countries which retain the system of licensed houses will investigate the question without delay.

The Committee has noted the fact that 23 out of 42 countries, whether members or non-members of the League of Nations, have abolished licensed houses, while nineteen have retained them under regulations.

The Committee expresses the opinion that this system is doomed to disappear in time.—Reuter.

**PRINCESS MARY IN
EGYPT.****GIVEN WARM WELCOME WITH
HUSBAND.**

London, Mar. 14. Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles arrived at Cairo this afternoon. They were given a warm welcome, being met by a representative of King Fuad and the Staff of the British Residency, as well as by a large gathering of other British residents.

After inspecting a guard of honour composed of Girl Guides, Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles drove to the Residency, accompanied by Lord Lloyd, the High Commissioner. The streets were lined with spectators.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles will leave Cairo on Friday night for Luxor, whence they will go to Sudan by steamer. They will return to Cairo on March 31.—British Wireless.

**NANKING POLITICAL
COUNCIL.****MANY NEW COMMISSIONERS
APPOINTED.**

Shanghai, Mar. 15. The Central Political Council decided at yesterday's meeting to elect General Tan Yen-kai as acting Chairman of the Council during the absence of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who is shortly leaving for the Northern front.

The Council also decided to appoint General Yen Shih-shan and eight others as Commissioners of the Taiyuan Branch of the Political Council, with General Yen as Chairman.

General Fung Yu-hsiang has wired to Nanking stating that he is willing to accept the appointment as Chairman of the Kaifeng Branch of the Political Council. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, General Tan Yen-kai, Measra, C. T. Wang, Chang Ching-kang, Wu Chi-fai, Chai Yuen-pai, Li Shih-chang and two others are appointed Commissioners of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Council. —Nan Chung Pao.

**HIGHWAY ROBBER
PUNISHED.****THEFT OF JEWELLERY FROM
WOMAN.**

A highway robbery on January 22nd, this year, the last day of the old Chinese year, had its sequel in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court this morning when a Chinese was charged with the theft of a quantity of jewellery, valued at \$175, from a woman whom he attacked near King's College.

The man pleaded guilty to the charge, but explained to his Worship that there was also another man concerned in the affair.

His Worship:—What has happened?

Defendant:—All melted down.

His Worship:—How much did you get out of it?

Defendant:—Only \$25.

The police, in answer to his Worship, stated that the man had a previous conviction for the same offence.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes was passed by his Worship.

**TWO STOWAWAYS
SENTENCED.****WANTED WORK IN
HONGKONG.**

Two Chinese, who were charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with stowing away from Swatow on board the s.s. Cremer, were sentenced to three weeks' hard labour each.

It was stated that the second defendant had been deported by the police authorities at Sumatra, but, after being landed at Swatow, he returned to the ship and was later found concealed among the cargo. The second defendant had hidden in one of the ship's bunks.

Both defendants pleaded that their homes in the country had been destroyed by bandits and they wanted to come to Hongkong to work.

**MOTOR CYCLE
MISHAP.****MACHINES COLLIDE IN
KOWLOON.**

A motor cycle accident occurred yesterday evening in Nathan Road, Kowloon, near Glanville Road; when motor cycle No. 960, ridden by Mr. B. Wong, with a Mr. Zimmern on the pillion-seat, collided with motor cycle No. 990, driven by a Portuguese sailor with another sailor on the pillion.

Mr. Wong's machine was slightly damaged and Mr. Zimmern received injuries to his leg, but only of a superficial nature. The Portuguese sailors were not injured.

AMERICAN DISASTER.**PRETTY VALLEY
DEVASTATED.**

Los Angeles, Mar. 14. A pretty valley in the San Francisco Canyon is transformed into a wreckage-strewn desert. The thick yellow sand is impeding the feet of thousands of volunteer workers belonging to every rescue organisation in California, who are searching for bodies here and there.

Dead livestock stick out of the mud beneath which dozens of victims must be buried. A few survivors are desperately digging to find relatives.—Reuter's American Service.

**HUGE FORTUNE IN
FEW DAYS.****IRISH SPECULATOR CORNERS
NEW YORK SHARES.****WALL STREET ENVIES.**

New York, Mar. 14. The whole of Wall Street is enviously admiring the American-Irish speculator, Michael Meehan, who, almost single-handedly, staged the sensational rise in Radio Corporation stock as cabled yesterday.

Twenty years ago, Meehan was selling tickets for a Broadway Theatre agency.

Yesterday's coup is believed to have yielded him from \$1,000,000 to £3,000,000. His rivals pay a tribute to his "daring and success which have probably never been equalled."

The Stock Exchange has begun an investigation of the report that a technical "corner" existed in Radio Corporation common stocks in view of the shares' advance of forty-five dollars in the last seven trading sessions.—Reuter's American Service.

**WONDERFUL CITY
WELCOME.**

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tries and more thorough interchange of ideas between our peoples may result in increased prosperity and enhanced happiness to both."

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London's Magnificence.

The procession was again formed and the Royal visitors were conducted to the banqueting hall where the magnificent decorations and the glitter of the city's famous gold plate presented a dazzling scene.

No Speeches.

To-night Sir Austen Chamberlain gave a dinner at the Foreign Office in honour of King Amannullah. The Prince of Wales was present and the guests included Mr. Stanley Baldwin, members of the Cabinet, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, the High Commissioners of Overseas Dominions, and high military officers. There were no speeches, but the usual toasts were honoured.—British Wireless.

**TOMMY MILLIGAN
FOULS.****MIDDLEWEIGHT EUROPEAN
TITLE BOUT.**

London, Mar. 14. All Edinburgh is agog in anticipation of to-night's fight for the middleweight championship of Great Britain and Europe.

Tommy Milligan, the holder, is challenged by Alex Ireland, another Scot, and both are in perfect condition and well within the weight limit.

Milligan was disqualified for hitting low when he was ahead on points.

Ireland was awarded the decision after having been outboxed for nine rounds. The disqualification of Tommy Milligan was applied in the ninth round.—Reuter.

CHARTERED BANK.**DIVIDEND AND BONUS
ANNOUNCED.**

The Chartered Bank has received the following telegram from its Head Office in London:

At the approaching meeting of Shareholders Directors will recommend dividend for past half year at the rate of 14% per annum free of Income Tax and a bonus of 6s. 3d. per share; £100,000 added to Officers' Pension Fund; £25,000 written off premises; £200,893.48 carried forward.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone is probably central over West Manchuria. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the South-East Coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast up to noon tomorrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; generally cloudy.

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